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Victory for Heseltine in 'privatised management' option

Cabinet favours dockyard soft line

By David Simpson,
Business Correspondent

A Government blueprint for the future of the naval dockyards, to be presented to Parliament next week, will favour retaining the yards at Devonport and Rosyth within the Ministry of Defence but contracting out the management and workforce of the yards to commercial organisations.

A consultative document to be published on April 17 will present three options for the yards but will come down strongly in favour of handing over their management to the private sector.

The other two courses of action which the Government will suggest are complete privatisation of the two yards, or giving them trading fund status of the type awarded to another MOD operation, the royal ordnance factories.

Cabinet support for privatisation of the naval dockyards' management, rather than the yards themselves, represents a victory for Defence Secretary, Mr Michael Heseltine, and the Ministry Secretary, Mr Norman Tebbit, who supported this option strongly in the face of opposition from several colleagues—notably the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, who favoured full privatisation.

The recommendation that management of the two yards

should be contracted out to a commercial firm was first put forward a year ago by Sir Peter Levene, the new head of defence procurement, when he acted as a special adviser to Mr Heseltine.

The two dockyards—Devonport is at Plymouth and Rosyth is in Fife—at present handle some £400 million maintenance and refurbishment work each year for the Royal Navy.

Following implementation of the MOD's open tendering policy last year, the two yards have been losing navy contracts to private firms in the ship repair market, and there has been mounting pressure to make the two yards more commercially competitive, partly through the introduction of large-scale redundancies.

It has been suggested that up to 2,000 jobs could be axed from the 13,500 strong workforce at Devonport, with 1,400 redundancies among the 6,400 employees at Rosyth.

One reason behind the Cabinet's preference for the commercial management option is that it is unlikely that the yards could be successfully privatised without substantial redundancies, and these would be politically unacceptable. On the other hand, it has been argued that it would be less contentious if private management contractors saw fit to cut the workforce.

The Government's recommendation that management of the two yards



FA fines Millwall, fences in Luton

By David Lacey

THE Football Association was yesterday accused of miserably failing to fence in Luton Town to fence in their fans and fined Millwall £2,500 in response to the riot during an FA Cup tie at Kenilworth Road on March 12.

The vice-chairman of the Police Federation, Mr Alan Eastwood, said that the FA "have failed miserably to take measures to illustrate their disregard on such disgraceful, avoidable scenes."

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Sudan junta given deadline

From Ed Hooper

The leader of the anti-government side in Sudan's civil war gave a dramatic push yesterday to demands for a return to civilian rule, by calling on the new military junta to resign within a week or the war would continue.

Denouncing the generals who overthrew President Numeiri on Saturday for "stealing victory from the people," Colonel John Garang, the leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Army, said they "were and are part of Numeiri's rule, and were actually his power base."

Colonel Garang said that his army, which has been fighting rebels for the past two years, would suspend military operations for seven days to allow for a ceasefire.

He said that the generals had not handed over power, the war would continue, and the Sudanese ultimatum has raised the temperature again in the confused situation in Khartoum, where opposition groups had accepted the junta's newly-imposed ban on marches and political gatherings, while disavowing the junta's actions and the military proceed.

His speech was broadcast over the rebel radio.

Colonel Garang charged that steps taken by the new junta, which he described as the "Southern Sudanese People's Republic of Numeiri" under the Gang of Four, had taken uncertain and reluctant steps to dismantle the old order.

The shadow of Numeiri looms over the new military

administration in Khartoum," he said.

Colonel Garang, who deserted from the army to lead the rebellion in the south, said that the masses must not abandon the struggle after "cutting off the monster's head."

He called on unions to continue the strikes which were called off on Monday after crippling the nation for nearly a week.

"I call on the professional, teachers and students' union to continue the strikes and demonstrations until the generals hand over power to the people," he said.

The people of southern Sudan are mainly pagan Christians, while in the north are predominantly Muslim. General Swadadhab has already called for direct negotiations with the rebels, and has pledged to restore national unity and to develop agricultural and industrial projects in the south.

The tone of Colonel Garang's broadcast was out of key with Khartoum's return to normalcy and calm yesterday, as the population went back to work for the first time since Saturday's coup. But the workers in two other towns, Port Sudan and Gedaref, are still on strike, not having accepted that it was the unions that themselves called a halt to industrial action on Monday.

Monday's meeting between three senior army officers and 12 representatives of the unions and political parties was apparently conducted in a "friendly atmosphere of unity." The civilian representatives have accepted that the army is doing its best to neutralise Numeiri's national security.

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Thatcher sails on as storm grows

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce
in Jakarta and
Celia Brown in London

The Prime Minister pushed on with her Asian tour yesterday, packing in business in three countries apparently unconcerned by the mounting domestic controversy over remarks she has been making on political issues at home.

Mrs Thatcher was accompanied yesterday by the shadow home secretary, Mr Gerald Kaufman, for turning the tour into one of the most disastrous ever made by a British prime minister.

Mrs Thatcher's claims to have "sailed on" as the storm grew, accused her of using her tour as a platform "to insult and attack her fellow citizens back home."

He said: "What a spectacle she presents to our eager trade rivals as she parades around, stridently proclaiming the doctrine of hatred and conflict. As a prime minister, Mrs Thatcher has now become Britain's worst liability."

Mrs Thatcher once spoke about the enemy within, she has now become the enemy abroad."

The Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, defended the Prime Minister's tour and accused Mr Kaufman of an absurd over-reaction.

He said in an interview on Channel 4 television that over the past few days he had been concerned about British industrial relations and added: "It would have been quite absurd for her not to comment on the fact that we had withstood a very major challenge to the Government."

The director general of the CBI, Sir Terence Beckett, said Mrs Thatcher was not acting irresponsibly but was putting the record straight.

On the tour, the only response to Mr Kaufman's criticism came from an official spokesman, who said: "The Prime Minister is trying to promote British business — and therefore jobs — abroad, and in so doing is trying to get over the point that the economy is improving, although unemployment is grievously high, and that strikes which are so damaging to our reputation abroad are largely confined to the public sector."

Mrs Thatcher, meanwhile, passed the halfway mark in her seven-country, 19,000-mile tour with a series of ceremonial appearances at largely informal discussions.

Before leaving Singapore yesterday, she paid a dawn visit to the Kranji cemetery. There, with the moon still visible and to the drone of the bagpipe player's lament in the background, she laid a wreath at the monument commemorating 40,000 Allied servicemen killed during the second world war in the South-east Asian theatre of operations.

By midday, Mrs Thatcher

Teachers' union tries to stop exam threat by hardliners

By Andrew Mounser,
Education Staff

The leadership of the second largest teaching union, the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, will today seek to head off moves by rank and file members to make this summer's CSE and GCE exams a target for industrial action.

At the union's conference in Torquay, delegates have voted for a debate on a motion from Solihull instructing the executive, "owing to the relative failure of other forms of action," to make external examinations a "legitimate target."

The executive will put forward a counter proposal, reaffirming the union's commitment to restructuring salary scales and to restoration of pay scales set by the Sougham committee in 1974.

This proposal states that the campaign will require periods of militant action. But it says that public exams are not a target, even though it cannot be guaranteed that action during the summer term would not have "some adverse effect on the examination system."

The union is planning to step up its strike action next term. It will sharpen its withdrawal of goodwill by imposing a ban on sports, music, drama, and other activities with school groups and societies. But this has not been enough to satisfy the hardliners.

Defeat of the executive would mean that pupils taking external exams would be targeted for action and that the 127,000-strong NAS/UNT would be isolated in this respect. The other TUC-affiliated union now taking industrial action, the NUT, had stopped short of hitting classes for public exam preparation.

A boycott of development work for the new 16-plus General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) will also be announced today. Up to what they are now. For years, NAS/UNT has argued that we have put the children first, are to take part in training and courses next year ready for the introduction of the new

exam, and the first candidates are due to sit papers in 1988.

The NAS/UNT executive will also call for a halt on work linked to other initiatives favoured by Sir Keith Joseph, the Education Secretary, including the Advance Supplementary (AS) level, scheduled to be taken for the first time in 1989.

Delegates will propose action which includes the refusing to invigilate exams beyond normal teaching hours, which would affect many three-hour A level papers. They could also refuse to prepare practical examinations which have to be set up outside normal teaching hours.

The hard line will be argued by associations, including Wigan and Rochdale, whose members have already voted in favour of targeting examinations.

Mr Peter Bentley, Wigan branch secretary, who has 15

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year old son sitting O levels this summer — said yesterday: "After the frustration of last year, people start to say, what more can we do? The obvious answer is to look at areas which so far we have been very reluctant to hit."

"We in the NAS/UNT are unashamedly trade unionists. Teachers are 99 per cent of the time concerned about the children in the classroom. But as trade unionists we are concerned about our living standards and the interests of education as a whole. Logically as trade unionists we should use whatever industrial weapon is to hand."

Mrs Meg Garside, Rochdale secretary, said: "Last year teachers were bitter and disillusioned, but it is nothing to what they are now. For years we have put the children first, and now we have come to the point where we have to look at

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Francome's last fall



John Francome (Left), the champion National Hunt Jockey, advanced his retirement by 48 hours after a fall at Cheltenham yesterday and will not now defend his World Championship at Cheltenham tomorrow.

The sport's greatest riding career ended in anti-climax when The Reject, leading the field in the Welsh novices championship chase, blundered at the fourth from home and Francome was unseated.

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Mr Denis Davies
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Postwoman Glad leaps on to the map

By Martin Wainwright

With a series of mighty bounds, a country postwoman has leapt on to the map of Britain and the Ordnance Survey has promised to keep her there indefinitely. Mrs Gladys Hillier, now 65 and retired, has won the village of Cotswold village of Cranham, where she was famous for seeing that the post got through.

Wife of the Cotswold esquire and the snow which settles in Cranham every winter never stopped her. But her greatest obstacle, and the one which has now earned her the cartographic niche, was a jump known as Gladys's Leap.

"We have this brook on the border of our land," explained Mrs Diana Cooper, whose hus-

band, Arthur, retired from the Foreign Office, is writing a history of the origins of the Chinese language. "The foot-hill crosses it and there's a path across it and there's a stream. It never crosses it and there's a stream."

The missing bridge left three feet of brook to cross and Gladys preferred to jump rather than make a long detour. She cleared the brook stream, a few miles from Leamington, with a run and a swing of her mallet, and she said at Sunningdale, her home in the village where she was born and bred and has spent most of her life.



Mrs Gladys Hillier

"The name began as a joke but it seems to have stuck somehow."

Mrs Hillier delivered the Cranham post for 35 years and for a time the jokes about Gladys's Leap were shared

only between herself and the Coopers. When she retired from the post, she was chosen by the parish council to make a presentation and he mentioned the jump in his speech.

The local paper carried a reference, and the Ordnance Survey, which prides itself on its thoroughness, went into action at once. The Coopers were phoned by the Gloucester office and a mapmaker came round examined the spot, and noted its grid reference.

"They got in touch with us and said that they'd be marking the place as Gladys's Leap on their future maps of the area," said Mr Stanley Raine, chairman of the parish council at the time. They wanted to check the spelling so I asked my wife and we made sure

they'd got the exact spot."

Progress has meanwhile caught up with the postal service in the village, which has 490 names on the electoral roll, three pubs, a school, a shop and a 14th century church. "We have a van now," said Mrs Cooper, sadly. "It brings the post very reliable but it doesn't come across maps. The Ordnance Survey confirmed, and perhaps an alert writer of children's books could take the saga further. After the success of Postman Pat, who trundles round the Dales in a van, a Postwoman Gladys from the Cotswolds, particularly one who leaps stream, would surely be unstoppable."

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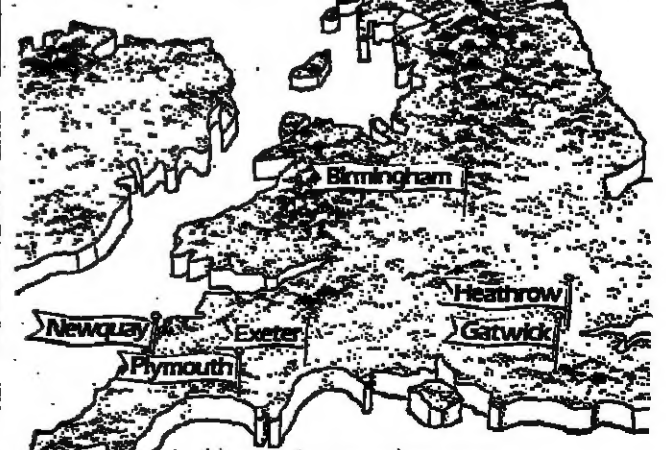
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Hospital unions open new front in cuts fight

By John Ardill

Health union leaders at the Royal Victoria Infirmary and its associated dental hospital at Newcastle upon Tyne yesterday drew up plans for a campaign of guerrilla action over moves to privatise domestic services. The action may spread to other hospitals in the Newcastle health district.

Across the river at Gateshead, staff taking limited action over privatisation proposals for the Bensham General and St Mary's Psychiatric Hospital are blocking the opening of new facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The two events are seen by unions as opening a significant new front in their campaign against NHS privatisation in which industrial action has been confined largely to southern England. They are expected to give a boost to the Health Service Focus Week starting on April 22, organised by the TUC to put localised action into a national perspective.

Local officials of the National Union of Public Employees are optimistic that there is emerging in the northern region a pattern of action against privatisation, spreading from area to area and gaining strength from growing public concern.

The unions which hope to persuade the region's health authorities to drop out of the Government-ordered privatisation drive, have two successes to build on.

The West Cumbria district health authority, encouraged by union agreement to cut non-wage costs, has become the first in the country to abandon competitive tendering. North Tyneside has refused to privatise cleaning in community health centres, placing the contract in-house, even though that was not the lowest tender, Nupse says.

Union leaders are keeping quiet about plans agreed by Royal Victoria Infirmary stewards, which are believed to involve selective action by other staff in support of 300 domestics.

The talks are said to have included local representatives of the non-TUC Royal College of Nursing, which is constitutionally barred from industrial action.

College members are likely to be urged not to undermine the action by doing other people's work.

The other unions are Nupse, the General, Municipal and Boilermakers' Union, the Confederation of Health Service Employees, the National and Local Government Officers' Association and the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staff.

Tenders have already been submitted for the infirmary contract but a decision is not due until June. Staff are already, however, by management proposals for an in-house tender involving the abolition of bonuses and cuts in working hours liable to reduce earnings by between 33 and 75 per cent.

The domestics struck last week and were joined on Wednesday by other ancillary staff. A 1,500-strong picket is said by Nupse to have included doctors.

Nupse's assistant divisional officer, Mr Keith Hodgson, said: "The draconian nature of the wage cuts proposed by the management has stiffened the resistance. If an outside company wins the contract we can guess the cuts will be even worse."

At Gateshead, where Nupse and Colnse members have banned overtime at Bensham hospital and, additionally, the cleaning and servicing of a new hospital block and new staff dining room at the Queen Elizabeth, the district general manager Mr Bill Worth said there were no immediate problems.

The authority must, however, allow building contractors into the old staff dining room by the end of the month to avoid penalties.

Student faction claims Tory chairman made 'hooligans' judgment on basis of £14 damage

Gummer unfit for his job, says FCS

By David Rose

The decision of Tory Party chairman Mr John Gummer to bid an inquiry into the Federation of Conservative Students and suspend payments to it from party funds was premature and incompetent, the federation's chairman, Mr Mark MacGregor, said yesterday.

Mr MacGregor was speaking at a press conference called to refute claims made by senior party figures and some newspapers in the wake of the FCS conference at Loughborough University last week, where reports of hooliganism and damage to university buildings prompted Mr Gummer's announcement.

According to Mr MacGregor, neither Mr Gummer nor the party vice-chairman, Mr Hal Miller, both of whom attended

the conference, inspected the buildings where damage occurred.

Reports of thousands of pounds worth of damage were wildly exaggerated, Mr MacGregor said. The true figure, which he had been given by Conservative Central Office security staff and the Leicestershire Constabulary, was only £14.

Mr MacGregor said: "We believe that Mr Gummer and Mr Miller have been misled by members of the Heathite faction in the Young Conservatives to set up an inquiry prematurely and they have judged us guilty before the inquiry has even taken place by suspending our funds."

"Mr Gummer has given further evidence of his incompetence and unwillingness to be party chairman."

The FCS press conference was paid for by the Daily Telegraph journalist and rightwing ideologue, Sir Alfred Sherman, on the grounds that the now-penniless FCS deserved to put its case. Its cause is being supported by a growing number of MPs and other senior Tory figures.

The FCS confirmed that the former party vice-chairman, Mr Alan Howarth, an MP who is not associated with any particular wing of the party, would be carrying out an inquiry into the event at Loughborough on its behalf.

The FCS leadership also blamed leading "wet" Young Conservatives for initiating a smear campaign against the federation, centred on a misrepresentation of the "Libertarian" ideas held by the FCS ruling far-right faction.

At no time, they said, had the FCS advocated the legitimisation of hard drugs, hard pornography or paedophilia.

Nevertheless, their beliefs — which include support for authoritarian rightwing regimes abroad, a forthright expression of Ulster Unionism and faith in the extreme free market economics — were, they said, the real reason for Mr Gummer's action.

According to the FCS joint vice-chairman, Mr Douglas Smith, the federation was "the future seed corn of the Conservative leadership."

At the FCS press conference, lengthy remarks made by Mr Gummer on TV-am apparently welcoming "Libertarian" ideas into the party fold were quoted. They were taken from an interview in which the

party chairman — in the immediate aftermath of the announcement of his inquiry — had emphasised that he was determined to eradicate hooliganism.

However, interviewed on BBC radio following the charges made by the federation, Mr Miller said he accepted that the physical damage caused had been very slight. He claimed that the reports of damage had been played up by the media and accepted that the reports had emanated from FCS elements opposed to the leadership.

Exaggerated as the reports may have been, he said, they nevertheless "left the chairman no option because the Prime Minister at that particular stage had launched her own campaign against soccer hooliganism."



Mark MacGregor — 'no inspection'

Island doctor fights to keep children

By Aileen Ballantyne

An Asian doctor, who wants to settle with his wife and children on the Hebridean island of Lewis, is appealing against a Home Office decision to deport his two children.

Dr Vilay Bhaskar, aged 40, moved to Stornoway, the island's capital, last year to work in one of the three general practices serving the island's 35,000 population. He and his children, 13-year-old Reena and 10-year-old Sanjiv, liked it so much that they decided they wanted to settle there.

However, the Home Office made it clear yesterday that such things are not that simple, even in remote and peaceful Stornoway, which has long had a reputation for a certain independence from mainland Scotland. They insist that Dr Bhaskar's children first need an entry clearance certificate issued by the British High Commission in Dhaka.

Dr Bhaskar, who did part of his training in Glasgow, was one of some 20 applicants for the general practice job. He said yesterday that he thought the island was an ideal place to bring up children, and hoped that his youngest son, aged seven, and his wife, also a doctor, would also be able to join him.

Dr Bhaskar already has permanent residence status in Britain, but his application for similar status for his wife and children was refused by the Home Office.

"The Home Office has now decided that the two children should be deported, although I have made it clear that I would be quite willing to take them back to Bombay when my year is up," he said.

The children were due to be deported yesterday, but have been granted a short extension after the intervention of Mr Donald Stewart, the Scottish National Party MP for the Western Isles.

A Home Office spokesman said yesterday that any dependants seeking admission to the UK had to be in possession of an entry clearance certificate. He confirmed that the average waiting time for such a certificate from the British High Commission in Dhaka is 24 months. "You can't just have a look round and see if you like it first," he said.

It is widely recognised that the length of the queue in Dhaka is in itself a form of immigration control. Applicants have to prove that they are "solely responsible" for the children they wish to bring in to prevent relatives' children being "passed off" as a couple's own family.

The addition of Dr Bhaskar, his mother, wife and three children, would swell the ethnic minority population of Lewis from about 30 to 35 out of 35,000.

Siege remand

A man accused of holding three operators for five hours at a telephone exchange at Guildford, Surrey, on April 1, was remanded in custody for seven days yesterday. William Farr, aged 24, of Waterford Road, Guildford, was not in court.

car, dressed like a businessman with dark hair and sunglasses, looking at them strangely.

An appeal has gone out for owners of white Escort XR3i cars to come forward, and 40 have been traced in the Avon area alone.

Luke, a pupil at Wilton Green School, lives with his mother, Mrs Sandra Cann, sister Tasha, aged three, and brother Mark, 13. His parents are divorced and his father lives in Bath.

In Nottingham, a 21-year-old man has been charged with the murder of 10-year-old Wayne Keeton, whose body was found in the River Leen near Bestwood, on Sunday. The man will appear in court in the city this morning.



Members of the International Fund for Animal Welfare dressed in the national costumes of several European countries, demonstrating outside the commission hearing. Picture by Garry Weaver

Evidence mounts against Canadian seal slaughter

By Seumas Milne

The slaughter of seal pups in the Canadian Arctic was denounced yesterday by a stream of experts at the first London hearing of Canada's Royal Commission inquiry into the country's sealing industry.

The establishment of the commission followed the two-year EEC ban on seal pup imports imposed in 1983, which is up for review this autumn and which has drastically reduced the Canadian seal pup harvest. The commission has already heard evidence in Montreal and is in London for two days to take submissions from throughout western Europe.

Mr Edward Seymour Rowe, the director of the Euro-Group for Animal Welfare — which represents all

the big animal protection organisations in the EEC — told the hearing that his group was pledged to fight all the way if the commission recommends the resumption of large-scale culling in Canada.

Of the 12 applications to give evidence at the London hearings, half came from specialists associated with the International Fund for Animal Welfare.

But the Canadian Judge Albert Malouf, who is chairing the commission, complained that so few Europeans were prepared to give evidence: the failure to show sufficient interest revealed a negative attitude, he said, and meant that he had only been able to bring along two of the seven other members of the commission.

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Phones at animal group's HQ cut

By Sarah Bosley

Telephone links from the London headquarters of the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection have been cut to prevent three sacked staff members rallying support.

By a narrow majority, the ruling committee voted to sack Ms Margaret Mannion, office manager, Mr Kim Stallwood, campaigns officer, and Mr Paddy Broughton, group study coordinator, a week ago but they have refused to leave.

Their supporters on the committee are understood to have been mounting a nightly watch to allow the three into the building each morning. The majority who voted for the sackings have ordered all telephone links to be cut to prevent them rallying supporters from the 20,000 strong membership.

Other animal welfare groups deplore the fighting which is paralysing the BUAV, one of four animal rights organisations making up the Mobilisation for Laboratory Animals Campaign, which began in the summer of 1983 to fight Government white paper on vivisection.

Mr Brian Cunn, general secretary of the National Anti-Vivisection Society, says it is a "vital time for the movement" and suggests the BUAV's troubles may be caused by sabotage within.

He said: "I find it absolutely disgusting that telephone lines have been cut at this crucial time."

Mr Cunn said that animal welfare groups had presented a united front for a record time under the Mobilisation banner. They were unhappy with the White Paper, and the Government would soon be presenting a supplementary paper.

He said: "If we get this wrong, then we are going to get legislation on the statute book which will be a backward step."

Other sources suggested that it was conflict within the BUAV over its attitude to the white paper that caused the rift. Three sacked staff members had been part of a committee.

radical faction of the organisation which wanted the end of animal experiments immediately and no truck with political solutions. They had now been overthrown by the "rational thinking side of the committee."

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NUT to impose ban on dual membership

By John Fairhall

Dual membership of the National Union of Teachers unions was condemned by a hefty vote at the NUT's conference in Scarborough and one of the head teacher delegates complained that dual members, particularly those belonging to the NUT and the National Association of Head Teachers, had followed the head teacher union's advice and had undermined or obstructed their NUT colleagues during the current pay dispute.

The NUT general secretary, Mr Fred Jarvis, said afterwards that although the vote was in the form of a resolution which does not commit the executive to act — the feeling was so strong that the rules would be changed. This would probably be done at next year's conference, which would mean no effective change until January 1987.

The conference heard how one Bradford head in a dual membership had briefed his head teachers union on how to attack his fellow NUT members and had then called on the local education authority to take disciplinary action against them.

Mr Ian Murch said that this was one of three cases in the Bradford area during the current dispute. "We must stop the hypocrisy of dual membership," said another Bradford delegate, Mr David Firth.

The president of Redbridge NUT, Mr James Whiting, said he knew of many examples of dual member heads who had tried to undermine NUT action during the pay dispute.

His former president had criticised policy both to teachers and in the local press. This division of interest had been encouraged by the education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, who by his talk of pay differentials had tried to drive a wedge between heads and ordinary teachers.

Several members of the executive said that the best way of coping with any such conflict of interest was to use the NUT's disciplinary procedure, but this cut little ice.

Mr Jarvis said that there were probably only a few NUT members with dual membership. He predicted that when they had to choose they would choose the NUT.

However, the NAHT assistant secretary, Mr Clifford Hayes, said that they would choose his union. "The NUT's ban certainly won't bother us. It could do us a power of good," he said.

needed. However, the executive line won the vote easily.

Speakers told the conference that the 1981 Education Act, which gave pupils with special needs into ordinary schools, could not succeed without extra resources.

Mrs Claudia Smith, a Leicester delegate, said that since the act was passed special schools were being closed and children with special needs being placed in mainstream schools with neither the staff nor equipment to deal with them. Other delegates claimed that remedial education was being virtually disbanded in some schools.

Mrs Smith's appeal for a conference for more resources and mandatory primary school staffing for pupils with special needs was carried by the conference.

Journalists sidestep print talks

By Patrick Wintour

Labour Staff

Features and sports journalists at the Wolverhampton Express and Star yesterday began to type their copy directly into a computer printer for the first time, casting a shadow over talks on new technology at union and national level, due to start today between the National Union of Journalists and the National Graphical Association.

An agreement on direct input was reached at the Midlands newspaper three weeks ago by the NUJ, but the union's national leaders later suspended the deal to allow the national level talks to begin.

However, the NUJ chapel at Wolverhampton decided last week to proceed with direct input without the blessing of their national leadership.

The Express and Star is in dispute with the NGA, whose members have voted in a secret ballot to co-operate with direct input.

In another new technology dispute at the Portsmouth News, the NUJ chapel voted yesterday to stay on strike until clarification is given by management over its plan to "rationalise" 10 editorial jobs. The journalists have been locked out for 17 weeks after refusing to work the second phase of a new technology programme.

The NUJ is unhappy at NGA members being transferred to work as sub-editors whilst retaining full NGA membership and bargaining rights.

Missing boy feared dead as police work on car clue to 'businessman'

By Stephen Cook

Police in Bristol were becoming pessimistic last night over the safety of Luke Cann, who disappeared on Saturday while playing hide and seek with a friend in a local park.

The staged a reconstruction involving a white Ford Escort with a red stripe, used a helicopter to help in a close search of St Werburgh's Park, and continued searching the nearby river Frome.

Superintendent Don Taylor said afterwards: "I am more and more pessimistic with each day that goes by. My biggest fear is that he is not now alive."

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Luke Cann — vanished from park

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Government refuses to help Powell's embryo bill

By Colin Brown

Political Staff

Supporters of the back bench bill by Mr Enoch Powell to ban research on human embryos have been told by the Leader of the Commons, Mr John Biffen that the Government will not provide time to ensure its passage.

The supporters, who include

members of the Life group, were told in letters from Mr Biffen's office that it would be inappropriate to provide Government time to enable the Unborn Children (Protection) Bill to reach the statute book. But his response is likely to enrage them. They argue that it has overwhelming backing in the Commons.

Mr Biffen who voted for the bill when it was given an over-

whelming majority on the second reading would come under severe criticism for refusing to assist. But the bill's supporters can be expected to campaign for the ban on research on human embryos when the Government brings forward its own legislation on the wider recommendations of the Warnock committee in the next session of parliament.

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HOME NEWS

Doctor wins £5,000 for 'sham' committee's discrimination

Health chiefs review job rules after race bias damages order

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent
A health authority said yesterday that it would review the way it takes on senior consultants after an industrial tribunal described one of its appointment committees as "little more than a sham".

Record damages of £5,000 for racial discrimination were awarded to a Sri Lankan doctor who failed to be appointed as a consultant microbiologist at Ashford Hospital, Middlesex, North-west Thames.

The authority's advisory appointment committees will have to explain in detail why they are recommending candidates and other changes may follow. The area authority nearly always accepts the committee's recommendations.

Mr Victor Flintman, director of personnel for the region, announced the change after London Central Industrial Tribunal explained why it awarded the damages to Dr Mallia Noone, a 41-year-old microbiologist. The tribunal also asked the authority to find another post for her.

Mrs Stella Hollis, chairman of the tribunal, says in the report: "The applicant is a 41-year-old, highly competent, highly experienced, extremely well-liked and personable woman who has been rejected by the respondents who have preferred and maintained their preference for two less experienced, less qualified though clearly not less well-liked persons in a post which was one of the applicant was entitled to expect to be appointed to."

The report criticises individuals on the seven-strong committee, members of staff at

Ashford hospital and the preferred candidates. There had been evidence of canvassing for the post from one of the other candidates and a suggestion that the microbiology laboratory staff did not take kindly to ethnic minority staff.

The report says: "It may well be that the chief medical laboratory scientific officer at Ashford would have preferred a consultant from from Roedean or Westminster School rather than from Sri Lanka."

Professor Sidney Selwyn of the department of microbiology at Westminster School, the university's representative on the appointment panel, had given as his first two choices persons not relevant and as his third two women doctors, Drs K and T.

Both had been registrars under him during their training. The golden opinions of persons who gave the applicant disinterested references were disregarded.

"So were the criticisms of Dr T's experience and aggression and the fact that Dr K had qualified for her final MRC (Pathology) at the end of 1983 and had not held any district general hospital positions of any duration nor produced any research."

Mr Flintman said that the advisory appointment committees were expected, when faced with equally qualified candidates, to make a "collective subjective" decision on what would "best fit in" with the locality. "This has to be done within the law, including race discrimination and equality laws."

lower than in counties controlled by the Tories, he said. Conservatives claim that this disparity exists because Labour counties get more grant to compensate for their relatively low rateable values.

Dr Cunningham, speaking at a press conference in London to launch the Labour campaign, displayed charts to show that rate support grant has been cut in real terms from £12,236 million in 1978/9 to £8,483 million in 1983/4. He said that this was a main reason why average domestic rate bills had increased over the same period from £128 to £245.

Mrs Louise Ellman, the leader of Lancashire council, argued that in spite of the Government's grant penalty system, it would be possible for Labour to take over a county presently run by the Tories and implement at least part of its desired programme.

Dr Cunningham said there was no question of a national deal between Labour and Alliance parties to organise power-sharing arrangements in hung councils. Labour groups would have to decide themselves what to do if such circumstances arose, he said.

He claimed that Labour councils have "an excellent record for providing value for money in local government. The average weekly rate bill in Labour shire counties is 50p

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Jenkin holds key to gays' centre

By Martin Wainwright
PINK balloons fluttered over a London railway cutting yesterday to mark the official but precarious debut of the world's largest gay people's centre. The first-storey converted meat warehouse near Smithfield market faces partial closure if the Government refuses to sanction a Greater London Council grant.

"We are very much in the lap of the gods, or more to the point of Patrick Jenkin (the Environment Secretary)," said Mr Spike Aldridge, one of 11 staff at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, who have been working without pay since the end of March.

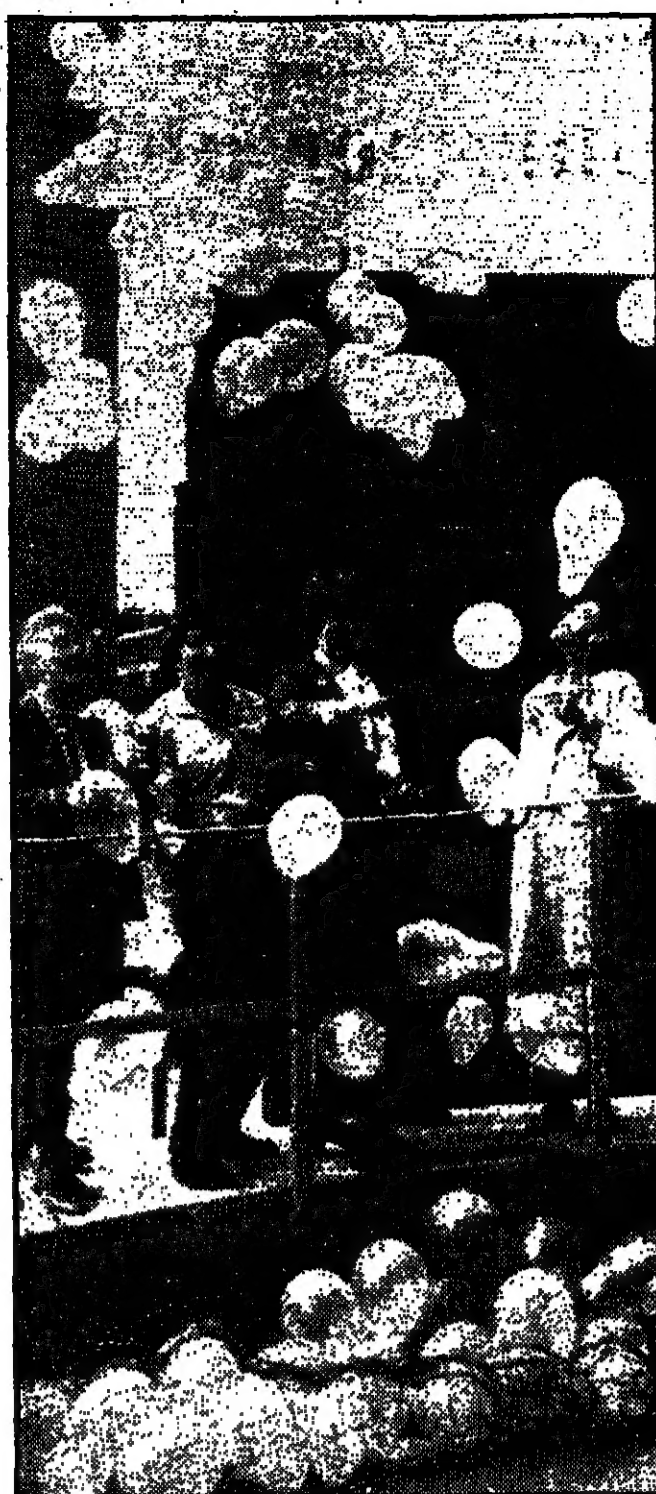
The GLC gave us £100,000 for staff and running costs for 1985/6 and we won't be able to run properly without the money."

The grant is one of 12 remaining from a list called in by Mr Jenkin under legislation paving the way for GLC abolition. Mr Jenkin took the right to rescind "section 127" grants which allow a council to spend the product of a 2p rate in the general interests of its area.

The building has office space, workshops, restaurant and bar, disco, theatre and a terrace overlooking the Regent's Canal and underground lines. Half of the second floor is a lesbians only preserve and a crotch and extensive security measures have been installed.

The building was bought for £300,000 by the GLC 21 years ago and the council paid a further £280,000 for conversion. Equipment has cost £80,000 and staff and running costs for the first six months, £90,000. The blocked grant would take the total GLC funding to £590,000.

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THE BALLOON GOES UP: GLC councillor Valerie Wise (centre) opens the new centre with a flurry of pink balloons. Picture by Garry Weaser

NEWS IN BRIEF

Windscale's nuclear windfall

British Nuclear Fuels Ltd. has been given approval in principle to build a works at Windscale, in west Cumbria, for the encapsulation of intermediate-level nuclear waste.

But Copeland council, which discussed the planning application in Whitehaven yesterday, decided to defer full approval until it knows more about long-term proposals for storage.

Councillors want the Government to identify a permanent storage site to prevent Windscale becoming a nuclear dustbin.

'Pirates' steal designer's dresses

POLICE believed last night that continental rag-trade pirates were behind the theft of 100 dresses worth £200,000 from the London showrooms of the fashion designer Zandra Rhodes.

The designs will be mass-produced overseas, it is thought. The thieves broke a window and door at the showrooms in Grafton Street, in the West End. Miss Rhodes's clients include royalty and celebrities.

Trinder better after collapse

THE comedian Tommy Trinder, aged 78, was satisfactory in hospital yesterday after collapsing on stage at the Civic Theatre, Rotherham.

Mr Trinder, who was topping the bill to celebrate the theatre's 25th anniversary, was being kept in hospital.

Falklands ship loses passenger

FALKLANDS police are investigating after a man was lost overboard from a ship sailing from Cape Town to the islands. A boat from the MS England was unable to recover the body of Mr Terry Martin two days after leaving port.

Mr Martin, who worked for Vic Haloma, a sub-contractor to the consortium of Laing, Mowlem and Amy Roadstone, was on his way to work at the airport site at Mount Pleasant, East Falkland.

If we need a co-ordinated policy for transport here...

don't we also need it here?



While favouring the retention of the County Councils to plan and co-ordinate their own transport facilities on a regional basis, the Government is bent on abolishing the GLC. It recognises the need for London-wide transport planning, but seeks to take this task on itself. London Transport has already been hived off to a Government-controlled quango. Now the Government proposes that the Whitehall-planned trunk road network should be extended. Whitehall will also control traffic operation on a further 300 miles of main road, and will give mandatory guidance on traffic schemes on all other roads. The prime reason for change put forward by the Government - greater and more

immediate local democracy - is, thus, a hypocritical sham. The vitally important link between public transport and traffic planning will be broken. Londoners will have no direct say in how money provided by them for transport will be spent.

Highway and traffic planning on all but the strategic network will be divided amongst 33 boroughs, so there will be no consistent policies or initiatives.

Not surprisingly, the Government has no coherent argument to support its proposals: They are recipes for jam that Londoners will have to swallow if the Abolition Bill becomes law.

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HOME NEWS

Police promise tougher policy on race attacks

By Aileen Ballantyne

Police in London's East End are to institute a much tougher policy against racial harassment or racial attacks on the Bengali minority.

Commander Malcolm Sullivan, of Tower Hamlets police, promised yesterday to lower the threshold of what constitutes an arrestable offence where an attack was racially motivated.

He said that where, previously, a victim of racial harassment or racial attack might have had to pursue the case privately as a common assault, local police were now more likely to interpret such minor assaults as actual bodily harm.

Commander Sullivan and two other officers recently returned from Bangladesh, where they attempted to learn about the problems Bengali families have had settling in Tower Hamlets where they account for nearly a quarter of the population.

Yesterday's policy announcement is in line with the recent designation of racial attacks as a priority area for police action by Sir Kenneth Newman, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. The exact definition, in law, of a "racial attack" is under discussion in the Home Office following requests by ethnic minority groups to make it a specific arrestable offence.

The move was welcomed yesterday by the Commission for

Racial Equality, who said recently that racial attacks in the East End of London are now more sustained and organised than ever before.

A CRE spokesman said that large numbers of people were frightened to leave their homes because of constant racial abuse and threats—the only way to offer them protection was by "twisting" the existing law. "Any move to make it easier to deal with racial harassment is something we would encourage—and we hope other police forces will take note," he said.

The number of racial incidents recorded by police in Tower Hamlets rose last year to 414, compared to 235 in 1983. Of the 414 incidents, however, only 50 arrests were made.

Commander Sullivan said the higher number of incidents could be partly a reflection of a growing willingness by Bengali families to report attacks and harassment. One of the things he had learned from his visit to Bangladesh was that people there did not take their problems to the police, as they were perceived as being part of the military.

Commander Sullivan said that while police were at the "sharp end" of dealing with racial incidents, it was not only their responsibility. He called for a multi-agency team of educationalists, youth workers, and borough officials to deal with the problems.

Penny Choriton and Alan Dunn on the Victorian Society's battles to save part of the nation's architecture



St Bernard's Hospital, Ealing, where a once world famous asylum faces demolition.

Picture by Frank Martin

Asylum sought for grim buildings of the past

LARGE asylums are the latest buildings to be placed on the "endangered" list of the Victorian Society.

In its April newsletter, the society warns that an important building in West London is threatened.

The former Hanwell Lunatic Asylum, now part of St Bernard's Hospital in Ealing, faces partial demolition by its owners. Ealing health authority.

After urgent petitions by local conservation groups, the authority last month allowed a six month reprieve to see if a viable alternative use for the building could be suggested.

The attraction of pulling down these large, redundant

and expensive-to-run buildings is obvious for local health authorities, faced with competing claims on ever-dwindling financial resources.

According to the Victorian Society, the Department of the Environment is reluctant to list such buildings. Because most are situated in generous grounds, commercial developers are seeking to demolish them and re-build.

The original buildings at St Bernard's, were once the Middlessex County Asylum where Dr John Conolly became internationally known for his progressive techniques.

Unlike most experts of his day, Dr Conolly did not be-

lieve in restraining his patients with shackles, collars and harnesses.

His patients were encouraged to wander freely, enjoy music and dance. They were released at the impressive rate of 13 per cent a year.

The hospital's defenders want the buildings preserved, and have suggested that they could become a national museum of the history of psychiatry.

Among the architectural features are windows designed to swivel and provide fresh air without opening.

Even if the museum idea fails, conservationists hope that St Bernard's might be turned into housing for

single people, students or the elderly.

Mr David Mudd, planning officer for the Ealing authority admitted that the reasons for demolishing the building were financial.

"We would like to sell it for a good price. It was built to accommodate 2,500 patients. We have only 900 people there now, and we simply don't need anything this big."

St Bernard's is not the only former lunatic asylum facing demolition, according to the Victorian Society.

In Glasgow, Forest Hill, built in the 1850s to house Poor Law inmates, is to be pulled down and replaced with a housing estate. The

gardens will be used for the forthcoming Glasgow festival.

The society is trying to persuade the Department of the Environment to list the Warley Hospital near Brentwood, Essex, which is about to be made redundant.

Two firms are competing to buy the redundant Royal Holloway Sanatorium in Virginia Water, Surrey. An application to demolish the Grade 1 listed building has been submitted, and the local authority is believed to favour redevelopment with offices and homes.

The latest former asylum on the society's endangered list is All Saints Hospital, in Eastbourne, which was built in 1868.

Glory of Liverpool turns to rubble

LIVERPOOL city council is accused of neglecting and destroying its Victorian architecture, considered to be among the finest in the country.

The accusation is being made by the Victorian Society, which is campaigning to save some of the city's heritage.

"Liverpool was considered the most exciting Victorian city in the land from the architectural point of view," said Mrs Teresa Sladen, the society's national architectural adviser. "But it is now full of empty streets of land where buildings have been demolished and not replaced. It is like a city at war."

A number of recent cases have increased the society's alarm. They include the proposed demolition of a terrace in Duke Street, the demolition and redevelopment of the characterful Clayton Square area, and the bulldozing up of St George's Hall, one of the finest neo-classic buildings in Europe. The hall is "far more important as a building than the British Museum," Mrs Sladen says.

The immediate cause for concern is a scheme to replace a block of 16 four-story Victorian houses on Prince's Road with two-story houses. The development, owned by the Liverpool Housing Trust, has Government backing and the outline approval of the city council, which owns most of the property but is now opposed to general housing over two stories.

Some conservationists had wanted the facades to be saved, knowing that the rest was too far gone, but the option was not put to the city's planning committee. "We would not have given approval for three-story houses for family use," says Mr Tony Wood, the planning chairman. Nor was the committee prepared to approve an earlier scheme for four-story blocks. "We did not feel that there was any need for flats, which are not generally a success."

Mrs Sladen says that if property is to be demolished in such a conservation area the redevelopment should be sympathetic to the rest of the broad boulevard. "We are worried that this redevelopment may not be and we are seeking the council's views," she says. "If we do not agree with the development we will appeal to the Secretary for the Environment."

Mr Patrick Jenkin is already in the society's bad books, however. In February he overturned his inquiry inspector's decision and approved a private shopping development in the Clayton Square area.

The local Victorian Society were appalled by his move. They said that it was a denial of the democratic process.

Mrs Sladen condemns the city for neglecting its Victorian buildings over the past 30 years. "The price of past policies should not be the destruction now of more fine buildings. They will be losing at Clayton Square an area of bustling individual character which you cannot replace."

St George's Hall is boarded up because the council says it cannot afford the maintenance. Up to last year the government covered 90 per cent of the cost when the building was used for the law courts, which have now moved.

Cliff rescue

a 10-year-old boy who fell 70 feet down a cliff near Shanklin, Isle of Wight, was rescued by a Royal Navy helicopter yesterday.

Danny Kigwell, of Macketts Lane, Arretton, Isle of Wight, received cuts and bruises.

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British abortions for Irish hit peak

By Paul Johnson

A record number of women from the Irish Republic are having abortions in Britain, according to figures revealed yesterday.

In the first nine months of last year, 3,026 women giving addresses in Ireland had abortions in Britain, an increase of 8 per cent on the previous year. If the trend continues for the last 3 months, as expected, then the total for the year will be the highest ever.

Ireland's restrictive contraception laws were loosened in February by a bill which makes non-medical contraceptives and spermicides available without prescription to people aged over 18. The contraceptive pill is still restricted and contraceptives cannot be advertised.

Dr Garret Fitzgerald's government came to power promising social reform, but delivering the goods in a country where the Roman Catholic Church still exerts enormous power is making change difficult.

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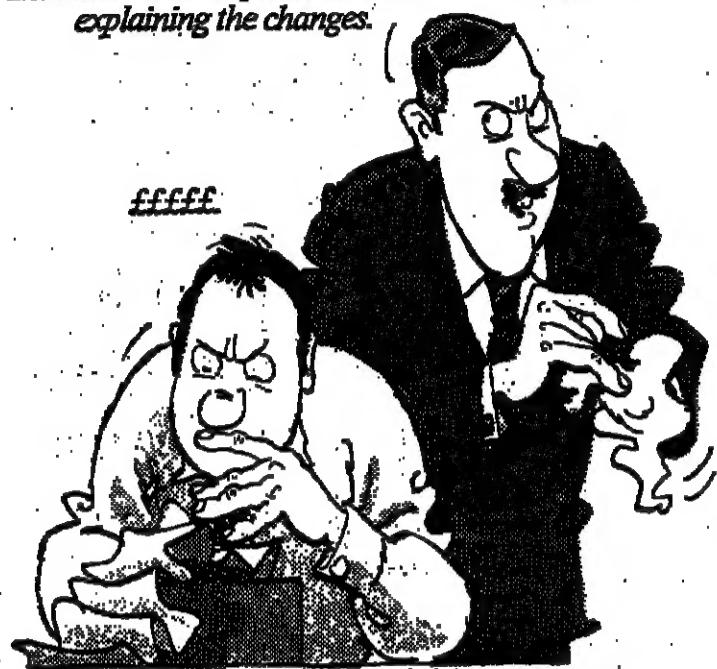
OK. We need to amend our catalogue print for all 30,000 customers and include new products.

There'll be changes to our price list to send out with the new catalogues.



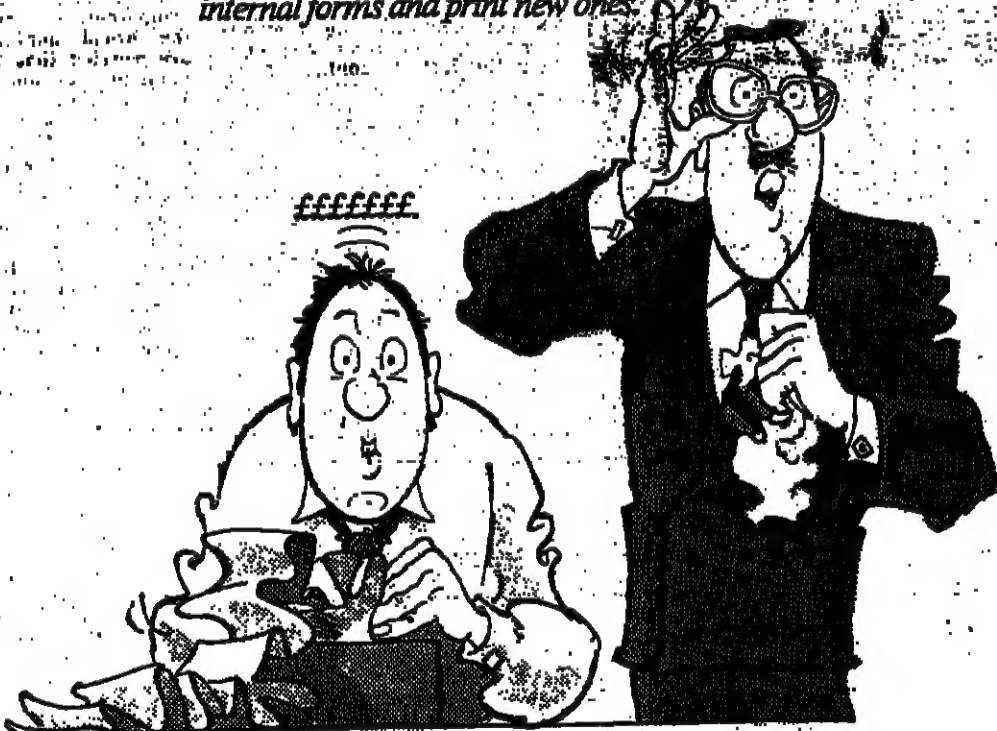
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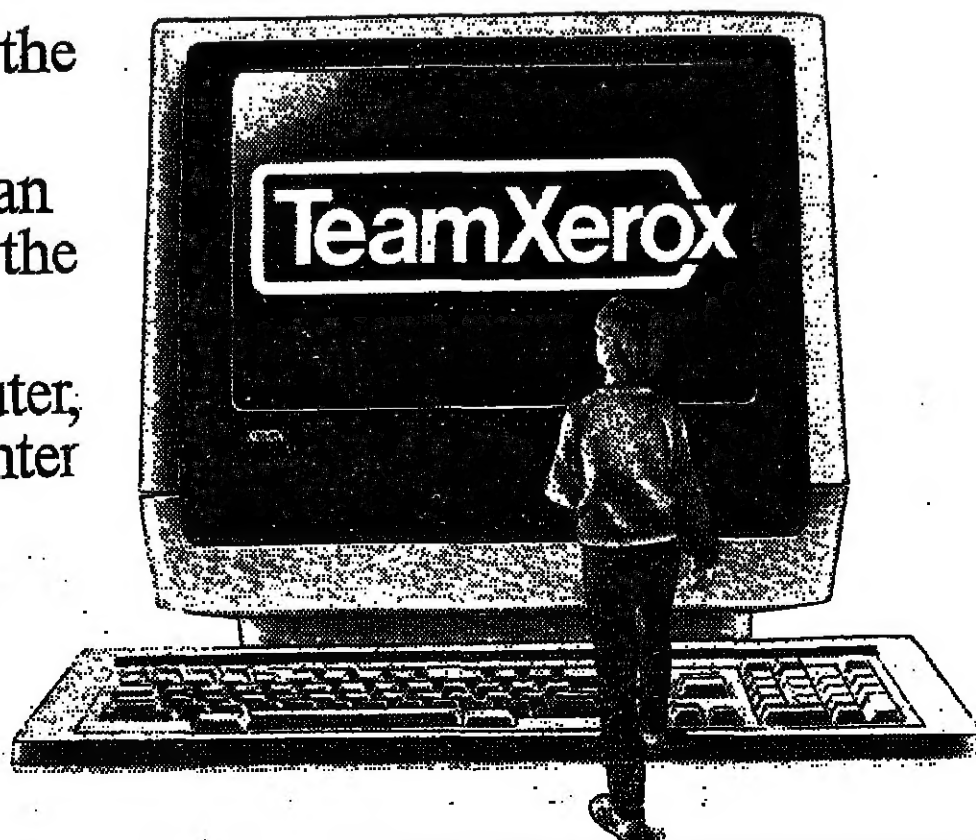
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N-waste dumps protesters fear curb

By Paul Brown

The Government is likely to face accusations of bypassing democracy when it sets up one planning inquiry to choose between three sites for disposing of nuclear waste.

It has gone back on a promise to hold a planning inquiry into geological investigations at each site — Elstow, Bedfordshire, and two others — where on the clay belt of central England.

Protesters reject the case for disposal and say that, rather than one site being better than another, nuclear waste should be stored instead. They include Bedfordshire Against Nuclear Dumping, Greenpeace, and Friends of the Earth.

These groups want to discuss the issue of disposal and would oppose the Government keeping the inquiry to the narrow basis of selecting a site. This raises the spectre of a planning inquiry of Sizewell length and scope, which would considerably delay the prospect of a nuclear dump.

Ministers would face charges of being undemocratic without an inquiry of these dimensions.

Protesters would have an excuse to take alternative action to halt the proposals if the inquiry was curbed. Training in "non-violent direct action" is being considered.

The Government has given Nirex, the nuclear industry radioactive waste executive, a set of standards with which to assess the suitability of a dump site. Among these are geology, possible release of radioactivity into the atmosphere, and normal planning yardsticks such as traffic, closeness to homes and access.

Nirex must also make sure that it can get hold of the site. The Central Electricity Generating Board, one of its member organisations, owns the Elstow site.

The other two have not been named yet but Nirex hopes to buy them or have an option to do so before announcing where they are.

Protest groups are bound to spring up wherever Nirex chooses the other sites. In some parts of the country, such as Lyme Regis, Dorset, groups are forming because they are based on geologically suitable clay.

Nirex has put back the timetable for announcing the sites. The other two sites were to have been named in May but this has been postponed until the end of the summer.

However, Nirex hopes to start geological investigations of sites shortly afterwards and wants to have the planning inquiry over in time for construction to begin in 1989 and the site in operation for 1991.

Victim of IRA

Lance Corporal Anthony Dacre, aged 25, who was killed by the IRA in Belfast, was buried yesterday with full military honours in a cemetery overlooking Windermere.

Newton's law sends homeless into unknown



GENIE SHELTER: Tony Stamp and Debbie Morgan may soon find Wimbledon Common the only place to call home.

TONY AND DEBBIE are sharp, working-class South Londoners who 20 years ago would have had no difficulties in getting a home and a job.

This summer they expect to be sleeping in a tent among the undergrowth of Wimbledon Common.

Tony Stamp, aged 19, and Debbie Morgan, aged 17, are just two of an estimated 85,000 single and homeless young people under the age of 25 who face new social security restrictions from April 29.

They are facing both a cut in money to pay for joint board and lodging in a double room in London from £120 to £94 a week and a new limit which will force them to leave the capital after eight weeks.

The new regulations follow Government concern that the social security bill for board and lodging had risen from £205 million in 1982 to an estimated £570 million by last year.

At the same time Mr Tony Newton, the social security minister, said he was concerned about a "Costa Dole" abuse which he said encouraged young people to stay on the south coast looking for work.

The restrictions will ban young people under the age of 25 from staying more than two weeks in most seaside resorts four weeks in most small towns and cities and eight weeks in London, Manchester and Glasgow.

Mr Newton said that longer limits were needed in the biggest cities because it took longer to find work. He also expected some people to return to their parents and stay at home.

Mr Peter Barclay, chairman of the Social Security Advisory Committee, which received 520 submissions from those opposed to the restrictions — admits that

David Hencke meets a couple who may be driven to live in a tent by the new social security regulations

the Government has not got a clue about what will happen.

There is no question that the whole exercise is a leap in the dark. There has been no research on its implications," he said.

For Tony and Debbie the prospect of a bleak future was thrown out of his south London home nearly a year ago after quarrelling with his father. His mother had already emigrated to Australia and he did not get on with his stepmother.

Debbie, his girlfriend, was given a choice of staying at home or seeing Tony. She chose Tony and was also thrown out.

At the time Tony had a £30-a-week job as a fork-lift truck mechanic and Debbie worked in McDonald's. Tony lost his job when he asked his employer for some free time to look for somewhere to live. Debbie later lost her job when she turned up dirty and scruffy because she had had nowhere to wash.

They left home together with £300 in the bank, a tent, their clothes and a 12-inch black-and-white portable TV. Neither wanted to claim the dole and both thought they could get other jobs.

Their temporary solution was to pitch the tent on Wimbledon Common while they looked for work. Although it is illegal to camp on the common Tony soon found a way round it.

"We would wait until about 1 am and pitch the tent right amongst the trees in the pitch dark. You could



BILL HENDERSON: Forced to squat after eviction

always get about four or five nights kip as long as you remembered to remove the tent by 5 am before the mounties (police) came."

For three months they stayed there until one cold November night. They had run out of money and owed the bank £120, so they went to Threshold, an advice service in Tooting.

They then began claiming social security and were put in a bed and breakfast hotel in Balham. The owners receive £120 a week for allowing them to share a room. They have an electricity meter for the heating.

Now they will have to leave the bed and breakfast and move out of London if they want to continue to claim board and lodging.

Tony said: "The problem is finding somewhere to live and a job. If we could find somewhere for £30 a week to live I would find a job to pay the rent — any job, whether as a road sweeper or a cleaner. I don't like to be thought of as a scrounger."

"I just want to have a home, get married and have my own family. I'd have eventually to get a heavy-duty licence and perhaps run my own business. But it is just impossible at the moment."

Most of the 14 other residents at his hotel felt the same. "The feeling is that we shall all refuse to go when the money runs out until we are forced out. Debbie and I will then go back to Wimbledon Common and start all over again. I see no point in leaving London."

Bill Henderson, a 33-year-old Glaswegian, also faces eviction this summer because his bed and breakfast hotel will be too expensive once a passed in July. He intends to squat in London rather than return to either Newcastle upon Tyne or Glasgow, where he has a connection.

Mr Robbie Marsland, of Central London Social Security Advisors Forum, a charity which advises claimants, said: "What appears to be happening is that the Government is trying to solve a housing problem by cutting social security. They have an idea of what will happen and we don't know yet how it will affect all claimants."

Tony Stamp thinks the way the problem is tackled is daft. "We are being given enough in social security a month (£480) to pay for a mortgage on a four-bedroom house yet I can't find anywhere to live for £30 a week so I can get a job. Ministers either don't know or don't care."

Mother starts campaign against child battering

By a Correspondent

A campaign to combat the "escalating" problem of child-battering is launched today by a Humberside woman who set up the country's first family crisis centre.

Mrs Diane Core, aged 40, is forming Childwatch in an attempt to force the Government to devote more resources to the problem. She is appealing to all relatives or neighbours of children who have died or suffered serious injuries through child abuse in the last decade to contact her.

She has the support of Mrs Gabrielle Probert and her husband, Peter, the former foster parents of Jasmine Beckford, who died at the age of four in July, 1984. Since the girl's stepfather, Maurice Beckford, was sentenced to 10 years for her manslaughter on March 28, the Proberts have received hundreds of letters from people claiming knowledge of other instances of child abuse.

Mrs Core, a mother of three, said yesterday: "We are living in the most violent era

ever for family violence. The quality of family life is deteriorating. The young parents of today are the product of the liberated Sixties and Seventies and many of them find it difficult to cope with structured family life.

"The tragedy is that 90 per cent of baby batterers have a history of being battered themselves. The problem will continue to grow unless there are effective measures to tackle it.

"In 1989 a House of Commons select committee made recommendations which have never been implemented, like the establishment of family violence centres across the country."

Mrs Core claimed there was a lot of apathy in official circles. "These cases are always whitewashed and blamed on a breakdown of communication. After the initial furore it gets swept under the carpet until the next time.

"The lives of children and the misery of thousands of others is at stake and the answers must be found," she said.

Groom row admitted

By a Correspondent

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the rally. Plans to take further aerial photographs after the rally, to make comparisons, had been abandoned after a ground inspection yesterday.

About 20,000 protesters, a figure agreed by police and CND, took part in the demonstration at the base which is to become Britain's second operational cruise missile site by 1988.

Mrs Jean Bent, chairwoman of Molesworth and Brington parish council, described the protest as "peaceful and extremely well controlled by both CND and the police."

The Tory MP, Mr John Major, whose Huntingdon constituency includes Molesworth, labelled the protest a flop.

"It took CND five months to organise this and only 20,000 turned out, while 300,000 people took part in similar demonstrations in West Germany," he said. "CND is not the force it once was or hopes to be in this country."

Drunk BR driver fined

By a Correspondent

A former British Rail driver was fined £100 and ordered to pay £25 costs yesterday after being found guilty of being drunk in charge of a train.

Geoffrey Bailey drank three pints of beer before a train broke before taking out a train from London Bridge, magistrates at Sutton, Surrey, were told.

The train failed to stop at a station, and Mr Bailey stumbled out of his cab on to a platform and down the line, the court heard.

He staggered and almost tripped over when asked to walk across a room by a police surgeon who was called to examine him.

Mr Bailey, of Ritherdon Road, Balham, South London, who had worked for British Rail for more than nine years, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

He admitted drinking about three pints of beer in a pub before taking the 8.02 pm train out of London Bridge but said: "I wouldn't say I was drunk."

Whale kill condemned

The marine conservation group, Sea Shepherd, has asked the Danish Government to stop the annual kill of pilot whales in the Faroe Islands.

The Glasgow-based organisation maintains that the whales are killed in an inhumane manner, taking at least 30 seconds to die, and that there is no economic or other justification for the traditional hunt.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

BRENT VOLUNTEER BUREAU ORGANISER (Full-time)

This thriving volunteer bureau is looking for a person with a sound knowledge of voluntary and community organisations, and an awareness of current trends and issues in the field. The successful candidate will also require skills in dealing with a wide range of people in furthering the VBS programme of recruiting, interviewing and placing volunteers. A knowledge of the black community is desirable.

Salary LA scale 5 (£2401 to £29139 inclusive).

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Required to handle administrative support for VBS staff and deputise as necessary.

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Application forms and job description from John Callaghan, Brent Volunteer Bureau, 501 Wembley High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 0ZEM. Tel 01-902 7204. Closing date 29th April.

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We have a healthy development pipeline including a number of hostels for special needs groups. Salary on NJC scales according to qualifications and experience. Contributory pension scheme.

Applications in writing by April 26th giving full details to: The Director, Cambridge Housing Society, 162 Tenison Road, Cambridge.

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We ask a high degree of commitment that demands at least 5 days a week living in the community.

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CAPITAL is London's Public Transport Campaign. It brings together the transport trade unions, passenger and community groups to defend our existing transport service and work towards a better, more accountable system for the future.

We require two people with campaigning experience and a commitment to public transport: one to oversee the production of a monthly bulletin and other publicity, and the other to prepare research publications and develop links with local groups, trade unions and other bodies. The funding for both posts has been renewed by the G.L.C. for 1985/86.

Application forms and further details are available from CAPITAL, 308 Gray's Inn Road, London WC1 8DF (01-533 4622), and completed forms should be returned by 26th April.

ASHA (LAMBETH) ASHA, an Asian Women's voluntary organisation, are looking for

ONE ADMIN BOOKKEEPER

ONE GIRLS' HOSTEL WORKER

Applicants should have experience of working with Asian women and knowledge of Asian languages essential.

Closing date: April 29, 1985.

Salary Scale 5, 35 hour week.

For further details write to or phone ASHA Asian Women's Resource Centre, C/o 373 Coldharbour Lane, London SW9. Tel: 01-474 8854.

ASHA, Asian Women's Aid (Lambeth) is an equal opportunities employer.

WANDSWORTH AND MERTON RACIAL HARASSMENT UNIT

(based in Balham) require

TWO WORKERS

for 6 months to consolidate and develop the work of the unit

Developing recommendations (based on monitoring racial harassment locally) to relevant bodies (e.g. local authorities); Establishing whether police and local authority responses to racial harassment is adequate; Building on and supporting the self-activity of local Asian and black groups and maintaining an emergency support service for those subjected to harassment.

Communication skills, self motivation and experience with black/Asian communities essential.

Ability to work as part of a team and knowledge of Asian languages useful.

Salary £9,401 p.a. (A.P.S.). G.L.C. funded to November 1985. For applications please ring 01-875 8685 (answermachine).

Closing date 25 April 1985.

AGE CONCERN

WALTHAM FOREST are looking for a

DEVELOPMENT WORKER (20 hours)

to work in Chingford. You will be involved in developing community-based projects for elderly people, often in conjunction with other organisations, and in managing our Chingford Day Centre. At Chingford, you will develop activities and work with our team of volunteers; some admin will be necessary.

You will probably have had experience of working with volunteers and driving would be useful. Most important is CONSTANT ADAPTABILITY.

Salary Scale 5, £7,000 approx.

Details and application form (returnable by April 24) from Age Concern Waltham Forest, Chingford Centre, 19 Chingford Road, London E4 6HZ. Tel: 01-524 8337 (minimiserphone after hours).

COMMUNITY/POLICE RELATIONS REGIONAL CO-ORDINATOR (POLICING ISSUES)

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to advise LACRC, CRGs, and community groups on all aspects of policing in London that affects ethnic minorities, including establishment of effective community/police consultation.

Requirements: commitment to race equality, knowledge of policing policy and practice, community relations experience, good oral and written communication skills. Secondments considered.

Details and application form (returnable by 1 May) from LACRC, Room 505, Middlesex House, 20 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 2SS (01-821 6448).

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As the register information will be computerised, relevant experience would be helpful. Alternatively, training will be offered.

Salary scale 5 — £9,820-£11,823 p.a. inclusive.

For an informal discussion please contact Betty Arnot, Mental Handicap Unit, Administrator. Tel: 01-386 7011 ext. 226.

Job description and application form available from District Personnel Department, The Midland Hospital, Mortimer Street, London W1M 8AA. Tel: 01-582 2713 (24 hour service), quoting reference number 063. Closing date for returned applications 28th April, 1985.

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Salary Grade: S.W. Level 1/2/3, £6,555-£10,107 per annum.

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A professionally qualified Social Worker is required to complete this team which is based at Malton.

We offer: A Community Social Work perspective; a wide variety of casework; regular supervision; opportunities for innovation and creativity; scope to develop special interests.

Car user allowance and assistance with re-location expenses will be available in appropriate circumstances.

Informal enquiries are welcomed by Mr. A. Hall, Area Social Services Officer, telephone Malton (0853) 5131.

Application forms and further details are available from the Divisional Social Services Officer, 2 West Parade Road, Scarborough. Telephone: Scarborough (0723) 366123, Extension 226.

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The successful applicant must be able to produce drawings and specifications for a large, Council-owned, developing and internal improvement scheme. He or she must be able to deal respectfully with Council Officers and residents as well as motivate and develop a small team.

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For further details and an application form please contact: Mrs Davies, Aldwych Housing Association Ltd, 15a Station Road, Harpenden, Herts. Telephone: Harpenden (0494) 5221. Closing date 26th April.

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Hopes rise for summit meeting between Middle East leaders

Weizman to visit Cairo for talks on land dispute

From Ian Black

Speculation about the possibility of a summit meeting between the Prime Minister, Mr. Shimon Peres, and President Mubarak of Egypt, increased yesterday with the news that the Israeli Minister without Portfolio, Mr. Ezer Weizman, is to visit Cairo next week. Mr. Weizman, defence minister during the negotiation of the Camp David accords and the peace treaty with Egypt, is an enthusiastic supporter of the further development of the ties between the two countries and makes no secret of his view that the peace process is keeping the peace "cold". Mr. Weizman met yesterday the Foreign Minister and Likud leader, Mr. Yitzhak Shamir, to discuss his forthcoming visit. Mr. Shamir, who voted against Camp David, holds hawkish views on relations with Egypt and was quick to dismiss President Mubarak's recent peace initiative as a public-relations ploy in advance of his visit to America.

The key to improving Israeli relations with Egypt lies with progress over the border area of Taba south of Elat; Cairo demands international arbitration, a point on which Mr. Peres and Mr. Weizman are willing to be flexible. Mr. Shamir wants to deal with Taba as part of a "package deal" of all the outstanding

problems in bilateral relations. Mr. Shamir has been personally slighted by a recent spate of anti-Israeli articles and caricatures in the semi-official Egyptian newspapers. He has said that there can be no progress on Taba before the Egyptian ambassador — withdrawn during the Israeli invasion of the Lebanon in 1982 — returned to Tel Aviv. A senior government official denied yesterday that Mr. Weizman would be discussing the technical preparation for a Peres-Mubarak summit and dismissed a newspaper report here that such a meeting was due for early in May. "We're dealing with the outstanding issues between us rather than with the summit meeting," there was speculation that Mr. Weizman was seeking to formulate a compromise proposal on Taba that would be acceptable both to the Likud wing of the coalition government and to the Egyptians. One rightwing Mr. Shamir said yesterday that Mr. Shamir should prevent Mr. Weizman from going to Cairo because the Egyptians, with whom the minister wanted him to conduct Israel's foreign policy. Mr. Peres and Mr. Weizman hope that an improvement of relations with Egypt may help regional peace moves and may encourage King Hussein of Jordan to enter negotiations with Israel.

Gulf war gap 'as wide as ever'

By Patrick Keatley,

Diplomatic Correspondent. The UN Secretary-General, Mr. Perez de Cuellar, ended his Easter week peace mission to the Gulf with the curt admission that no progress has been made and that the gap between Iran and Iraq is "as wide as ever".

He broke his homeward journey to New York for talks at Heathrow with the British Minister of State for Middle East Affairs, Mr. Richard Luce. But even as the two men were conferring at the airport, the news from the Gulf indicated a sharp upswing in military activity after the relative lull during the UN chief executive's visit. Iran issued a formal statement declaring that Iraq had used gas shells at a dozen locations in the past two days, killing 11 Iranian soldiers, and called for urgent action by Mr. Perez de Cuellar to investigate what it called this renewed resort to the use of chemical weapons. Two hours after the Secretary-General had ended his talks in Iraq and caught the homeward plane, an Iraqi military spokesman announced that his country's air force had carried out strikes against two Iranian towns on the central front and had also hit a "large naval target" near Kharg Island off terminal — presumably a tanker. Later, shipping sources were unable to confirm such a raid. Nothing that Mr. Perez de Cuellar could tell Mr. Luce during their Heathrow meeting was any more hopeful than the public statement issued before he left Baghdad. His key words were: "We should be very careful not to raise expectations and not to give the impression that progress has been made."

He went on to say that the gap between the two sides, after four years and seven months of warfare, is "as wide as ever", but that he had not abandoned his efforts to build a bridge over the gap. Both sides had told him they want peace, he said, adding: "And both said that my efforts should continue." He had visited Iran and four Arab states in the Gulf before moving on for the final day of his mission to Baghdad. There he held talks with President Saddam Hussein and the

Foreign Minister, Mr. Tariq Aziz, and it became clear that a major sticking point is the Iranian demand for measures that would reduce the severity of the conflict without agreeing to an outright ceasefire. Iran insists that it cannot negotiate a peace agreement while President Saddam remains in power.

Iran told him that it wants a pact that would end attacks on civilian targets and on shipping in the Gulf, and the lifting of the Iraqi threat to shoot down civil airliners making for destinations in Iraq. Iraq's response last night came from Mr. Tariq Aziz:



Iran is allowing Iraqis to visit relatives captured in the Gulf War. An Iraqi mother is seen here embracing her son in Tehran's Takhli POW camp.

Militia revolt under review

Bikiri: Traditional Christian leaders went some way to endorsing President Amn Gemayel's pro-Syrian policies yesterday but rebel Christian militia leaders stayed away from the meeting. Forty-four leaders of Lebanon's nine Christian sects discussed the problems raised by a month-old Christian revolt against President Gemayel's Syrian-backed efforts to reunify Lebanon through political concessions to Moslems.

In a statement at the end of a five-hour meeting in the luxurious Maronite Patriarchate in Bikiri nine miles north of Beirut, the leaders stressed Lebanon's "close ties" with Syria and regretted "the creation of illegal cantons at the state's expense." "Legality and the institutions of the state are the only one and firm safeguard for the security and dignity of the citizens," they declared. "There must be a rallying of support for the legitimate authorities." A rebel source, however, said that in the eyes of the Christian dissidents "the statement avoided taking sides and shows that Gemayel no longer has complete control."

The rebel leadership met to discuss the Bikiri meeting, which received a surprise peace plea from a girl in white, shouldering a cross and placard saying: "We should love each other like children love each other all over the world." Nine-year-old Nadine Khoury, daughter of Lebanese poet Assad Juan, was allowed into the crisis conference after telling reporters: "I want to stop war in all the world." — Reuters.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bhopal options still open

INDIA said yesterday that it was still willing to consider a possible out-court settlement with the US Union Carbide company provided the firm offered adequate compensation to victims of the Bhopal gas disaster. The Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister, Mr. V. V. Reddy, told parliament that India had filed a suit against the company after turning down a ridiculously low offer. The Indian authorities filed the suit against Union Carbide in a New York district court on behalf of those who died or were injured by the leak of methyl isocyanate gas.

The suit asked for no specific amount of damages, but said the award should be large enough to deter Union Carbide and any other multinational firm from the rights and safety of the citizens of those countries in which they do business. — Reuters.

Chain protest
A BRITISH woman chained herself to the iron fence of a fountain in central Catania, Sicily, yesterday to protest against the arrest of three Italian anti-nuclear demonstrators. Elizabeth Melander, aged 36, of Liverpool, tied herself with a chain in the Piazza Fonte Diana to express her "solidarity" with the Italians who were arrested on Monday after lying down outside the entrance to a Nato nuclear missile base — AP.

A stiff one
THE black market price for locally-bottled whisky passed £40 in Finland yesterday as a strike at state-run liquor stores showed no signs of ending. Staff of the state liquor monopoly Alko, whose 215 shops are the only retail outlets for all alcohol other than beer, have been on strike since March 29. — Reuters.

Road toll
AT LEAST 117 people lost their lives in Easter holiday traffic accidents on Spanish roads and another 96 suffered serious injuries, traffic officials in Madrid said yesterday. In Italy 115 people had died in traffic accidents during the period while West German police reported only three deaths. — AP.

Brazil floods
WEEKS of torrential rain and flooding have killed at least 22 people and made more than 230,000 homeless in Brazil's normally arid north-east, the government said yesterday. Rivers in the former drought zone have overflowed, washing out roads and destroying crops. — AP.

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Judge pardoned
THE Honduran congress yesterday voted to pardon a jailed Supreme Court chief justice and four other court members who are charged with treason as a power struggle continued between the court and President Roberto Suazo Cordova. — AP.

Boat deaths
SEVENTY-FIVE people were feared drowned when a boat capsized in India's Bihar state, the Press Trust of India reported yesterday. It said three bodies had been recovered from the Ganges and rescuers were still searching for possible survivors. — Reuters.

Gandhi visit
THE Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi, will visit the Soviet Union next month, Tass announced yesterday. — AP.

Missile response demanded

From our own Correspondent

In Washington. The Reagan Administration has no intention of responding to the Gorbachev missile freeze proposal with a counter-initiative of its own as some of its critics at home and abroad have suggested it should. Senator Gary Hart has been conspicuous in calling for a "much broader moratorium" from the American side, though other Democratic, and even maverick Republican Congressmen, have recently made similar suggestions for the duration of the Geneva talks. Senator Hart, a frontrunner for the Democratic nomination in 1988, suggested that there should be no testing of nuclear ballistic missiles, underground nuclear warheads, or anti-satellite missiles.

President Reagan would be "making a very serious mistake if he merely rejects the Soviet offer out of hand," he said, though that what the Administration intends to do, preferring to leave Geneva as the sole arms control forum. It remains disappointed both with Mr. Gorbachev's tactics and with the "discredited" substance of his Pravda interview offer.

However, the tone of the US response has come increasingly to emphasise the positive side of Mr. Gorbachev's willingness to meet Mr. Reagan and to stress that "serious work" is being done. "We do not need another Kennedy-Khrushchev summit," a White House aide told reporters, referring to the hasty and damaging meeting in Vienna in 1961.

Consistent with American concern to keep both the summit and the first round of the Geneva talks on track was a concerted effort by Pentagon and State Department yesterday to play down a contention of interpretation of the Gorbachev offer, in which the freeze on SS-20 intermediate nuclear missile deployment was being represented here as a cynical acknowledgement that a better weapon was at hand.

Press reports had suggested that the Russians were already tight-lipped about a more reliable weapon which the Pentagon had reportedly dubbed the SS-28, not to be confused with the SS-24 and SS-25 which are well-documented. But a Pentagon spokesman yesterday said: "There is no missile carrying that designation, SS-28." Both he and the State Department stressed that the weapon under testing was "a modified and improved" version of the SS-20.

Howe calls for balanced agreement in Geneva

From Hella Pick

In East Berlin. Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, on the second day of his visit to East Germany yesterday, appealed to the Soviet Union to negotiate a "balanced agreement" in Geneva and not to seek them by public declaration. Britain has used the East German leadership as a conduit to the Kremlin to convey the Government's negative assessment of Mr. Gorbachev's proposals for a freeze on nuclear missiles. At a press conference yesterday, Sir Geoffrey confirmed that he had told the East German leader, Mr. Erich Honecker, as well as the Prime Minister, 35 Wally Zoph that Britain and its allies would not be able to accept arms control proposals that failed to pass the test of balance and verifiability.

While he promised that "anything that Mr. Gorbachev says deserves careful study," the Government had already concluded that the Soviet announcement of a unilateral moratorium on deployment of SS-20s, coupled to the demand that Nato halt its deployments of cruise and Pershing missiles, would simply leave "a massive imbalance" in favour

of the Soviet Union. The Russians, he said, were already targeting 412 triple headed SS-20s at Western Europe. The Foreign Secretary said that his recent speech, raising many critical questions about the US strategic defence initiative, signified any disagreements with US policy.

Sir Geoffrey emphasised that "the most important thing to understand is that the Soviet Union has been engaged in a space weapons development programme for many years, has put twice as many objects into space as the rest of the world combined, and has the only anti-ballistic missile defence system that has been installed under the terms of the 1972 ABM treaty." In his talks with the East German leadership the Foreign Secretary had stressed that the Soviet Union's advance on space technology alone justified the US decision to engage in a full-scale research programme.

Although arms control issues dominated the talks, Sir Geoffrey is also pleased that his short stay appears to have secured an improvement in bilateral relations. He also believes that there are now better prospects for increasing British trade and investment in a

Matador faces charge

From Jane Walker

In Madrid. RAFAEL de Paula, one of Spain's leading bullfighters, has been charged with the attempted murder of his wife's lover, in a drama which has all the elements of a telenovela. The 44-year-old bullfighter from Jerez de la Frontera was accused this week of hiring two men to murder Jose Gomez Carrillo, aged 51, an ex-manager of Cadiz casino, who is alleged to have seduced de Paula's wife, Marina, after she had married him. The couple, who have four children, separated last September when the bullfighter discovered his wife's infidelity and was told she had sold her silver and her jewellery to spend at the casino.

"As a Christian I can forgive her," de Paula said recently, "but as a gypsy, never." The bullfighter, who was arrested in the building on March 15 and spent 10 days in jail pending the granting of £5,000 bail, has been charged with the attempted murder together with three other men.

The bullfighter is much admired throughout Spain, particularly in Andalusia, and has caught the sympathy of the public. He is seen as a victim of a woman who has sought revenge, as a gypsy defending his honour.

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Dutch urge Kremlin to cut arsenal

Moscow: The Dutch Foreign Minister Mr. Hans van den Broek, arrived in Moscow last night for a 24-hour visit to tell the Kremlin that it must reduce its missiles in Europe to prevent the Netherlands accepting US missiles. Mr. Van den Broek, who is due to state the Dutch case at a meeting with Soviet Foreign Minister Mr. Andrei Gromyko today, was met at the airport by Mr. Anatoly Kovalyov, one of Mr. Gromyko's deputies. Speaking shortly before leaving for Moscow, Mr. Van den Broek said the Netherlands would deploy cruise missiles if the Kremlin had one more SS-20 missile deployed in November than in June last year. Present Soviet deployment was higher than in June, he added. Diplomats said that Moscow's decision to halt missile deployment until November, announced by Mr. Gorbachev last

weekend, was clearly intended to put pressure on the Dutch. "The effect on Nato would mean a real propaganda boost if they can persuade the Dutch to cave in," one Nato diplomat said yesterday. He added that the announcement had obviously been timed to coincide with the Dutch Foreign Minister's arrival.

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Swedes implant artificial heart

Stockholm: A permanent artificial heart has been implanted into a Swede in his

attended the operation as an observer. Professor Semb said the Swedish patient's new heart was operated by an external air compressor the size of a camera bag. "This provides for such mobility as to allow the patient to live a relatively normal life," he said. If all went well the patient might be able to leave hospital after three or four weeks. The patient, who had had several heart attacks, was not considered suitable for a heart transplant because of his age and because he also had liver and kidney damage.

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Dial-a-Soap joins the heavy breathing brigade

From Michael White in Washington. RING RING. "Hi, Sugarman." "Chrissy, I told you never to call me at home." "It's a business call, Hot Stuff."

"Suppose someone overhears you?" "You mean your sweet little wife, Gail?" So runs yesterday's offering of the latest telephone service available to metropolitan sophisticates in Washington DC. "Party Line" is the capital's first ever fast-paced, fun-loving and provocative telephone soap opera, complete with heavy breathing and creaking dialogue held

together with the cliche and mild innuendo which has inspired countless versions on television. Dial-a-Prayer, Dial-a-Menu and Dial-an-Atheist (whose line was busy yesterday) have been available with countless other amateur services here for years. But Party Line is a new breed of thing which is not sweeping them aside but rather adding to their momentum across the US.

Telephone services known as "audio-text" in which the phone company charges anything from 20 cents to a dollar for the call and split the proceeds. Washingtonians not already engaged in real life, sex, intrigue and power plays in and around government — potentially quite a number — can hear more about Mark Chrissy and Gail for 25 cents a day courtesy of Elliott Communications and the local Chesapeake and Potomac Phone Company simply by dialling 978-8838.

Dial-a-Muppet, Lottery Hotline, Dial-a-Stock, Sports Trivia and Dial-a-Joke are already or will soon be available, as Hustler Fantasies, another service for which the phone company takes no direct responsibility, already is in neighbouring Baltimore. But for Britons who cannot wait for this revamped Chicago radio soap (it has been pre-

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Peking purge aims to shed
"the 'aged and incompetent'"No room at
the top
for China's
Old Guard

From Mary-Louise O'Callaghan in Peking

Seventy per cent of senior officials in China's 136 state and party departments will be purged by the end of this year according to the General Secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, Mr Hu Yaobang.

Ageing and incompetent officials in China's ruling State Council, provincial, and local governments will be replaced as part of the country's drive for a younger leadership.

Mr Hu told a group of Hong Kong journalists visiting Peking: "This is an important condition for the progress of our country."

China's paramount leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, has been trying to clear the leadership of the "first echelon" of leaders that came to power under Mao and the "second echelon" — now in their late sixties or early seventies.

Mr Hu said yesterday that 15 per cent of the 210 strong central committee of the party would also be replaced as part of the drive for younger leadership.

ers. All new appointees would be under 60 years of age, he added.

Mr Hu was appointed head of a rectification committee to clean up the 40 million members of the Chinese Communist Party at the end of 1982.

"Some younger people will enter the central committee," said the secretary of the political bureau at the forthcoming party national conference this September, Mr Hu said.

He also confirmed that one of those entering the politburo would be Mr Hu Qili, tipped to succeed the 68-year-old Mr Hu; they are not related.

The general secretary said the 90,000 veteran cadres had already retired as part of the drive and the total was expected to reach two million by the end of next year.

On Sino-Soviet relations, Mr Hu said that China was keen for improved relations with their Soviet counterparts but he would give no commitment on whether China is prepared to compromise on the "three obstacles": Soviet occupation of Afghanistan, the presence of Soviet troops along China's northern border and the Soviet backing of Vietnam's occupation of Kampuchea.

"Why shouldn't we have relations of friendship and good neighbourliness with a socialist country which shares with us the longest common border?" Mr Hu said. "What are the three obstacles? I'm not sure."

Mr Hu denied that the leadership was having problems reforming the Chinese People's Liberation Army, believed to be one of the last strongholds of traditional Maoists in top Chinese circles. "I can say that our PLA is one of the best armies in the world," he added.

Moscow talks take
on warmer aspect

Moscow: Chinese and Soviet negotiators started a sixth round of talks yesterday on improving relations but Western diplomats did not expect any major breakthrough on politics despite some conciliatory gestures from both sides.

Chinese sources said the Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr Qian Qichen and the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Leonid Rykhov began preliminary discussions to fix a date for the first major talks since new Kremlin leader, Mr Mikhail Gorbachev took power.

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conciliatory attitude since Mr Gorbachev took over.

Trade and cultural ties have improved since the talks began, with a series of separate talks and accords clearly indicating a more positive mood on both sides.

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Afghan guerrillas
hit supply route

From Alex Brodie in Islamabad

Guerrillas in Afghanistan have again started attacking the Salang highway — the main artery down which flow supplies from the Soviet Union, according to Western diplomatic sources.

"They say the road is becoming increasingly hazardous and quote traders as complaining that they have to pay off several guerrilla groups, well in advance, to ensure a safe passage."

The diplomats seem to confirm the widely reported attack on a Russian convoy which guerrillas claimed they carried out on March 23, just south of the Salang tunnel.

They say a second successful attack was carried out a week later.

Between 60 and 80 vehicles were left burning or damaged after the first attack, according to diplomatic sources. There was a large amount of wreckage and twisted metal could be seen on the hillside above the road, suggesting a large explosion, according to a traveller who passed the spot.

Guerrillas who claimed responsibility for the attack said they had planted time bombs

aboard the convoy which was carrying about 400 vehicles. They claimed to have destroyed up to 400 vehicles.

A week later a second attack was carried out a little further south in which 33 vehicles of a Soviet military unit were destroyed, diplomats said. Adding that the road was closed for two days.

In a rare public denial of guerrilla claims, the Kabul Government by radio and television denied that the Salang highway had been closed. It would never allow its enemies to achieve this, said Kabul radio, but no mention was made of the attack.

AP adds from New Delhi: Drunken Soviet soldiers looted civilian houses in Kabul and opened fire, killing 17 people, a Western diplomat said yesterday.

The diplomat, quoting intelligence reports from inside Afghanistan described the killing and looting as an atrocity and said it happened on March 29 in the Tarmak district.

The soldiers forced their way into several houses, took valuables, and fired AK-47 assault rifles at civilians when Afghan troops intervened, the diplomat said. — AP.

Going to town with a vengeance

From T. E. Lansner in Davao, Philippines

UNLIKE most of the bold red graffiti seen in the Philippines, the Communist Party on its armed wing, the New People's Army (NPA), a three-word message chalked in small letters on a wooden house in the Agdao district seemed to capture starkly the dilemma of most of its residents. It reads simply: "Still Alive Here."

Throughout the Philippines, an estimated 12-15,000 Communist guerrillas are waging a quickly expanding struggle against forces loyal to the regime of President Ferdinand Marcos. The most serious fighting now rages on the southern island of Mindanao, largely following the classic Maoist lines of hit-and-run attacks in the countryside.

The shadowy war is now

closing in on Davao. With nearly a million residents, Mindanao's largest city is often described as the "NPA's laboratory for urban guerrillas."

Last year about 700 people — 115 of them members of the security forces — were killed here in civil strife. Many were "liquidated" in brazen swoops by NPA "squad units" who operate with seeming impunity even in the city centre. Others were "salvaged" — abducted, then summarily executed, usually after torture — by the military.

Through the first three months of this year, the pace of killings has increased. The main targets remain military men and suspected informers from the NPA, and for the security forces suspected guerrillas and supporters. As the NPA steps up its deadly activity,

though, there are charges that they are becoming less selective in their

assassinations. "Their killings are becoming indiscriminate," charged the regional police chief, Brigadier Dioniso Tan-Gatue.

Most NPA revenues are believed to come from large businesses and logging firms. And even military sources are quick to point out that criminal gangs, some involving soldiers, are taking advantage of the unsettled situation to set up extortion rackets of their own.

A leading Davao businessman, Chito Ayala, employs 370 armed security guards on his 12 banana, coconut, and rubber plantations in the Davao area. His workers must pay 5-10 pesos (26-50 pence) of the approximately 1,000 pesos (500 pence) monthly to the NPA, he says, though by sheer force

of arms he still resists making any "unofficial" payments.

"There are so many kinds of taxation here," he said. "Government, leftist, Muslim. Then you have to have your own private security forces to fend off paramilitary groups, various extortionists, and other lawless elements."

But fund-raising and liquidations are only the most visible portion of revolutionary activities in the long term is the slow process of political education residents say Communist cadres carry on throughout the city.

"They walk up and knock on your door, here in town, in the barrios, by the police barracks," an opposition lawyer, Boy Nograles, said. "If you are hungry, if you are poor, you are vulnerable. These people tell you there is a way to fight back."



Mrs Thatcher and President Suharto of Indonesia (right) listen to their countries' national anthems at a ceremony in Jakarta yesterday to welcome the Prime Minister who is on a tour of Asia

Trumpeter
whams
himself

From our Correspondent in Peking

THE success of the British pop duo Wham! in Peking ended on a sour note yesterday when their backing group's plane was sent into a nosedive after one of the trumpeters, Raul, stabbed himself in the stomach and broke into the plane's cockpit.

The group, which performed in Peking on Sunday night, had just left Peking airport when De Oliveira stabbed himself in the stomach and broke into the cockpit and began to harass the Chinese pilot of the charter flight, other members of the group said.

The trumpeter is under sedation in Capital Hospital, Peking. He was taken there after the plane made an emergency landing in Peking.

The Wham! manager, Jazz Summers, said by telephone from Canton, the next concert venue for the group. "The doctors said he was in a psychotic state and needed hospitalisation."

"He wanted to commit hara-kiri on the plane," said a diplomat, who declined to be named.

A senior member of the tour group said: "He went bananas. He went in the cockpit. The plane dived."

Raul de Oliveira, aged 38, from Portugal, was the group's second casualty. The other, a 27-year-old keyboard player, Fickler, collapsed in his Hong Kong hotel before Wham! came to China.

The group's two leading heartthrobs, George Michael and Andrew Ridgeley, escaped the incident as they had stayed in Peking to record a television interview.

Jazz Summers said: "With the cooperation we received from the Chinese authorities and the Portuguese embassy we are totally confident that Raul is in the best of care

Saudis put pressure on Sri
Lanka over link with Israel

From Eric Silver in Colombo

Saudi Arabia is withholding \$50 million in aid for a Sri Lankan development project as part of a concerted Arab strategy to persuade President Junius Jayewardene to think again about resuming relations with Israel.

Government sources said in Colombo yesterday that the money was promised in 1981, when the President paid an official visit to Saudi Arabia, but Riyadh withdrew the offer when Sri Lanka allowed Israel to open an interest section in the US embassy last year in return for Israeli help in fighting Tamil separatist insurgents.

The Saudi investment was earmarked for a development project called "the 21 billion Mahaweli project, which Mrs Thatcher will visit on Friday when she opens the Victoria dam, built with £133 million of British money."

Saudi Arabia's contribution due this year, was to have paid for the construction of irrigation channels, and for resettling farmers in partnership with Canada and the World Bank. This consortium is now marking time, but the

delay is not expected to hamper the wider project.

International finance has been forthcoming for the creation of four artificial lakes (from Canada, Sweden and West Germany, as well as Britain). Sri Lanka will have to find the money from its own

resources for the less expensive downstream works.

The Saudi embargo has fuelled a campaign in the Foreign Ministry and among some government politicians to expel the two Israeli diplomats, who opened what amounts to an independent mission in Colombo last summer. But President Jayewardene is standing firm. He said during a visit to Pak-

istan last week that the Israelis, the only people in the world who had helped Sri Lanka against the Tamil terrorists, would stay.

The President is believed to have delivered the same message to the head of the Indian Foreign Ministry, Mr Ramesh Bhambhani, when he came here last month. Sri Lanka would decide its own diplomatic relations, he is reported to have said.

Anti-Israeli officials insist that Sri Lanka has gained very little from the arrangement. One of them said yesterday that three Israeli security experts had spent less than a month here training the Sri Lankan forces. The programme had not been suspended. Similarly, three Israeli air-traffic farming specialists had been here for a month, then gone home.

These sources argue that Sri Lanka has done much better with its British connection. Half a dozen former members of the SAS, working for a commercial security firm, have trained up to 600 commandos for the paramilitary Special Task Force which is gradually taking over security duties from the ill-disciplined army in the northern Tamil heartland.

Village massacres claim 27 victims

Manila: An investigation was ordered yesterday into what a Philippine opposition law maker called the "Black Saturday massacre" of 27 people, including 11 killed while they held an Easter eve vigil.

Unidentified gunmen shot 27 people to death and wounded 14 others during raids on Saturday night in the remote towns of Ragay, Lupi and Pasacao in Camarines Sur province, 140 miles south-east of Manila, Mr Rolando Andaya said.

The acting armed forces chief, Lt-general Fidel V. Ramos, yesterday ordered the military commander in the region to investigate the attacks.

Several of those killed were women and children, Mr Andaya said in a telephone interview during which he described the three municipalities as "infested with rebels" and said he believed that the raids "were premeditated and planned."

He did not know the motive behind the killings, and residents reportedly failed to recognise the raiders because it was dark.

Mr Andaya said 11 were killed in Agao-Ao village of Ragay when gunmen attacked a house where more than 20 people were holding a marriage ceremony. The bride and groom were among the dead.

Jesus Christ before his Crucifixion.

Mr Andaya added that nine residents of four other villages in Ragay and Lupi were shot at in their houses about the same time while seven others were killed in a village of Pasacao, 40 miles away.

Meanwhile, Communist guerrillas have attacked two army outposts on Samar Island, killed a captain and 12 other soldiers, and escaped with 28 guns.

The Philippine News Agency, quoting military reports, said yesterday that the rebels suffered an undetermined number of casualties in the attacks in San Roque and Laoang municipalities last week.

Pretoria ready
to put 46 on
trial for treason

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

At least 16 people from the Vaal Triangle will appear in court on charges of high treason within two or three weeks, the Attorney-General said yesterday.

One of the accused will be Father Geoffrey Moslane, whose detention sparked off a protest march through the streets of Johannesburg to the city's security police headquarters last week. The march was led by the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg and Nobel Prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu.

The scheduled appearance of the 16 to 20 Vaal Triangle detainees will bring the total number of people facing charges of treason in South Africa to at least 46.

The Vaal Triangle was the centre of the unrest in black townships last September. The focus of black unrest has since shifted to the Eastern Cape, where at least 60 people have died since the beginning of the year. Five more people died in violent incidents at Eastern Cape townships at the Easter weekend, three of whom were shot by police, according to an official police statement.

The police said yesterday that there had been "sporadic incidents of unrest" in the Eastern Cape during the past 24 hours.

Four houses, one beerhall, one Apostolic Faith mission church and one school in these black areas were set alight, the spokesman said. "A few incidents of riotous gatherings were reported and police were forced on occasion to use tearsmoke and to maintain order."

The spokesman added that they would no longer give precise locations for riots but only general areas.

The Kammeyer inquiry into the police killing of 19

blacks heard a commanding officer testify yesterday that this officer's apartheid had planned to attack police vehicles with gasoline bombs.

The witness, Lt-Colonel Frederik Pretorius, said police intelligence indicated blacks near the town of Uitenhage also planned to attack blacks who were seen as collaborators with the Government and that "the next target was the South African Police, who were to be driven from the townships."

He told how two police patrols aboard armoured personnel carriers, entered the Langat township with live ammunition.

Colonel Pretorius, commander of the region where the blacks were killed on March 21, said the lieutenant commanding the patrols should have made sure his men carried a full complement of anti-riot gear. The lieutenant has said he never questioned his superiors when they issued him fully charged shotgun shells and rifles with live ammunition, but no gas, birdshot or rubber bullets on the day of the killings.

Meanwhile, the police say they will protect New Zealand rugby players who might play many this year's tour of South Africa from the United Democratic Front to stage demonstrations during the proposed tour.

A statement from Colonel Leon Mollat, the public affairs officer for Ministers of Law and Order, Mr Louis le Grange said, "Any individual or organisation breaking the law must expect the police to react. By the same token, any law-abiding person, whether a citizen or visitor, may expect the police to protect him."

● Amy Carter, the 17-year-old daughter of former President Jimmy Carter, was arrested yesterday in the latest apartheid demonstration outside the South African Embassy in Washington.

Rifkind in
row about
sanctions

By our Foreign Staff

A leading member of South Africa's United Democratic Front yesterday made a sharp attack on the Foreign Office Minister, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, for suggesting the country's black population was opposed to economic sanctions.

Mr Murphy Morobe, an executive member of the UDF, an umbrella organisation representing several hundred anti-apartheid groups in South Africa, said Mr Rifkind's remarks in Parliament had been received angrily in the Republic. Mr Morobe was speaking at a press conference in London.

It is a criminal offence carrying a maximum 30-year jail sentence for a South African to call for sanctions, Mr Morobe repeated the UDF's carefully worded conference resolution which says, "We believe that foreign investments do not benefit the oppressed and exploited people of South Africa, but bolster the apartheid government."

Mr Morobe charged Britain with being still the main support of the white regime in South Africa and claimed that it is planning to export optical police helicopters to South Africa. "British Royal Navy regularly patrol our townships and now are they to have British aircraft?"

Mr Morobe, a former Soweto student organiser, has just become a spokesman for the rural areas of South Africa. He was detained last year after visiting Britain.

Zanu to
curb
its youth

From Andrew Meldrum in Harare

Mr Mugabe's ruling Zanu Party is taking measures to curtail the activities of its youth wing, following the remarks of people of laws apparently beaten for not attending Zanu meetings.

The Minister for Political Affairs, Mr Maurice Nyagumbo, who is also Zanu pollburo secretary for administration, announced on television on Sunday that a new code of conduct for the Zanu youth groups is being drawn up and should be presented to youth leaders soon.

Diplomats here have for months privately criticised the Zanu youths' rough and ready campaigning tactics, saying that Mr Mugabe's party had created a militant group whose actions risked the party's reputation.

In an interview, Mr Nyagumbo said that stricter conduct guidelines had become necessary as Zanu has received reports of people of laws harassed and beaten over zealous Zanu youths. He confirmed that several Zanu youths were being held by police in connection with the fatal beating of Frederick Dzeka, aged 19.

According to his mother, Dzeka was taken from his home by a group of Zanu youths, who said he must be beaten because he had not attended Zanu meetings. He was found 36 hours later and died soon after of wounds.

Sudan aims to do
deal with rebels

By Jonathan Steele

Sudan's primary political priority now is the civil war in the South by reaching an accommodation with the rebel leader Colonel John Garang, according to Dr Mansour Khalid, one of the main opposition figures behind the weekend coup.

Dr Khalid, who worked with President Numeiri until 1978, is a Northerner, but in an interview in London yesterday, he said he hoped the other Northern civilian politicians had "learned the lesson" of Numeiri's attempt to deny autonomy to the South in the last years of his power.

He said he still think of the South in a paternalistic manner. This will have to end, he said. Otherwise there would be no end to the civil war, added Dr Khalid, who has had several recent meetings with Colonel Garang.

Sudan could be an intermediary between Egypt and Eritrean nationalists if it became genuinely nonaligned again. "Numeiri tried to be more royalist than the King, and played the American game of 'fighting communism' in the Horn of Africa."

Sudan's other priority was to deal with the famine, which threatened to kill up to five million people in the next few months. It was not just a question of emergency aid but of giving Sudan self-sufficiency in food by means of a complete reform of agriculture.

Dr Khalid, who has had extensive contacts with opposition groups, said a transitional period of between one and three years was needed before a full return to civilian rule.

● Dr Mansour Khalid



Thai Queen gets military send-off at cremation

BANGKOK: To the wail of conch shells and the boom of cannon, 206 soldiers in ancient uniform yesterday pulled a chariot containing the body of a Queen of old Siam to her splendid crematorium.

The funeral of Queen Rambhai Barni, wife of the late King Rama VII, was regarded as the grandest royal ceremony staged in Thailand in recent decades. The Queen died last May at the age of 79 and her body was placed in a gilded urn within Bangkok's Grand Palace.

In accordance with religious custom, the cremation took place on an auspicious date nearly a year after her death of a heart attack.

Princess Rambhai, a beauty in her youth, was proclaimed Queen in 1925 and held that position until her husband's abdication nine years later.

Rama VII was Thailand's last absolute monarch. A revolution in 1932 ushered in a constitutional monarchy. It marked the end of old Siam and the beginning of the modern state of Thailand.

The urn with the Queen's body was taken from the Grand Palace and placed on the royal Great Victory Chariot for a two-hour long funeral procession over a 1.7 mile course through the heart of old Bangkok.

Five battalions of troops in dress uniform formed the vanguard of the slow-moving funeral train. They were followed by a lesser chariot bearing a high-ranking Buddhist abbot and the victory chariot of drummers, trumpeters, conch-blowers, and royal pages flanked the chariots

which were followed by members of Thailand's current royal family and four more battalions of troops.

Four cannon fired 300 times and a funeral dirge was played throughout the procession which ended at an 8-ft. edifice specially constructed on the Sangam Luang, or Royal Field, in the shadow of the Grand Palace. The pyre is located within the rectangular, elaborately decorated building known as the Golden Morn.

Later King Bhumibol Adulyadej lit the pyre which was tended throughout the night. Rites and ceremonies prescribed by both Hindu and Buddhist traditions are to continue until Saturday.

The Queen's ashes will be placed at the base of a Buddhist image in Bangkok's Ratchabopit temple alongside those of her husband.

Royal funerals in earlier times were even longer and more elaborate with the crematoriums sometimes rising as high as 30-storeys. King Rama V, in the nineteenth century, ordered a scaling down of such events for the sake of economy and his dictum has been followed ever since. King Rama VII accepted the reduction in his power but felt uneasy and went into self-imposed exile with his wife in Britain. The late King died in 1941, because of the war between Britain and Japan, he was attended by only 16 members of the Royal Family.

The Queen returned to Thailand in 1949, living in an eastern province where she helped the rural poor by reviving handicraft industries. She moved back to Bangkok in 1963. — AP.

HEATHER Couper has had stars in her eyes for as long as she can remember. Today she is seeing them through the lens of a telescope as the first woman president of the British Astronomical Association. When she was five she was sitting on the ground, looking up at the night sky as daddy (an airline pilot) flew past in his plane. When she was eight she saw a green shooting star and her parents bought her a star map. When she was 14, adolescence always brought her turned from pinpoints of light into skinny young men with guitars and names like the Beach Boys, the Beatles and the Searchers. The star map was pushed to the back of the cupboard. Piles of fan magazines and autograph books took over.

"As a teenager I suddenly wanted to be one of the girls," she says. "I wanted to conform. At school I wasn't brilliant at sports, I wasn't an outstanding academic. I was also fat and very mischievous. The summer of that time was to fight back with fantasy. She learned everything there was to know about pop stars, their lives and their personal habits. She ran after them for autographs. "I got Paul McCartney's, Bill Wyman of the Stones and I. K. Brewer. That was my thing. It made me feel special."

She also devoured all the teenage magazines she could buy, scanning the pages of Petal and Honey for all the latest fashion trends. It was while poring over the latter one day that she decided on her future career. "There was an article about a day in the life of a fashion buyer. It all sounded so trendy and glamorous and glamorous. From then on, I was determined to be one."

When she left school at 18 with two A levels (physics and geography), her first job was as a "management trainee" at Top Shop in Peter Robinson, Oxford Circus. It was 1967 when paper dresses and fun furs were selling like hot cakes and Mary Quant and Barbara Hulanicki were turning out little numbers in crepe and crushed velvet. "On my first day at the shop, I was terribly shocked.

'I had a wonderful title, and to be suddenly taken down to Top Shop and told I'd have to sell was amazing'

Continuing our occasional series on first jobs, Helen Chappell hears how the future president of the British Astronomical Association just failed to become a fashion buyer

I had imagined a colourful whirl of models and fashion shows. I had this wonderful, responsible-sounding title and to be suddenly taken down to Top Shop and told I'd have to sell was amazing. Not only that, they told her she'd have to wear a uniform. A terrible navy blue Cour-telle suit with green piping. On a 13-stone teenager it was the antithesis of glamour.

"There I was, a great wobbly thing, serving customers. The pay wasn't bad for the time, £3.50 a year — but the hours. We worked from 9.30 to 6.0 pm, six days a week. I had to commute in from my parents' house in Ruislip. Quite honestly, after a few weeks of working on my feet all day, they were bleeding into my shoes. I wanted to get out almost immediately. She didn't, though. With true grit she kept going, smiling back at customers who were rude

or patronising, keeping a discreet eye out for shoplifters and peeping toms. "I was having to be nice to people all the time, and it got me down. I used to daydream all the more. I saw myself meeting pirate radio disc-jockeys who would tell me how witty and intelligent I was. I thought, 'don't think I ought to be doing this sort of thing for a living. There must be something more than this.'"

While she was still pondering that question, though, the grim realities of a shop-girl's life were claiming her attention. With her mathematical mind, she had no problems working out change and totting up takings. But she hated the aggressive process of making a sale.

"I never put pressure on people to buy, especially something they didn't want. I was careful never to whisk the changing cubicle curtain

aside when they were half-naked to ask how they were getting on." Not having to work on commission helped. So did the juke-box, which was kept playing all day — cheering her up with smash hits like 'You're My Everything' by The Temptations. For a while, she and the other trainees would sneak out to drool over the Italian stylist in the hair salon or any of the grannies of the linen department. Some of the window-dressers would have a noisy cat fight or a customer would rush in to announce that someone was going to throw himself off the roof of the opposite building.

Mostly, though, it was a routine grind. Some of the young assistants would get so exasperated by the demands of customers that they would lock themselves in the office to rant and rave. There was an endless flow of invoices, dockets, warehousing state-

ments, exchanges and refunds. "The old hands in Peter Robinson were real, old-fashioned 'mum' types in those days. They were serious, like Mollie Sugden in *Are You Being Served?* We'd go to lunch in the canteen, and they'd all be sitting there with their swollen feet up on the benches, blithering about the customers. I'd never met anyone like them. They were as hard as nails, I was sure, willing and docile and I just wanted to get a good report at the end of the year."

She succeeded. After a year of flogging frocks in Top Shop she got a good grade in her Certificate of Retail Studies exam and was made assistant to the director of administration. The job meant travelling to branches all over the country, reporting back on progress and efficiency. A solid retail career beckoned.

But it was too late. By that time something had happened to put the stars back into her eyes even brighter than before. "I'd been away from astronomy for five years, when I borrowed a book from the library called *The Universe*, by Isaac Asimov. It was a history of astronomy and contained all the advances in the science that had been made in the previous five years. Things I'd never heard about like exploding galaxies called quasars. The whole complexion of astronomy from 1930 to 1985 had changed. Instead of being an old man's study in which you watched patiently for years as a star moved across the sky, it was exciting and up-to-date. That was it. When the dress rehearsal for the Apollo moon landing took place at Christmas 1968, Peter Robinson had irrevocably paled into insignificance.

Within a year, she had joined her local amateur astronomy association, met any number of astronomers and got herself a temporary job checking through data about the sun at the observatory in Cambridge. She took a chance, a cut in salary and left the world of pop fashion behind to return to her first love. After a year she did an A level in maths at an evening class and won a place at Leicester University to study for a degree in astrophysics.

While she was there she jettisoned four stones of redundant poppy fat. "I think that was because I was so much happier. I had realised I was really an academic after all and I suddenly felt I belonged." After Leicester she tried on — and abandoned — the possibility of an Oxford doctorate, before turning to full-time writing, lecturing and broadcasting. Until last year, when she was president of the BAA, she also lectured at the Greenwich Planetarium and Old Royal Observatory.

Nowadays, she gets the excitement she once dreamed about by writing books (two at the last count, appearing on radio and TV (Blue Peter, Terry Wogan, her own series for Channel Four called *The Planets*, to be screened in November) and persuading a reluctant public that science can actually be fun.

Msprint

For Sylvia, An Honest Account, Valentine Ackland (Chatto and Windus £2.95). At the age of 17, in 1923, Valentine Ackland donned a bright green, backless, sleeveless evening gown, screwed a horn-rimmed monocle into one eye and walked down the stairs into the Savoy ballroom. She then spent the evening drinking orangeade at 26d a glass. In spite of such flagrant behaviour, she was desperately shy, and remained so. After a childhood menaced by an older sister, she outraged her wealthy, bourgeois family first by engaging in adolescent lesbianism and then blundering into a hair-brain marriage with a young man called Richard. It was never consummated. The marriage lasted only months. Her life lurched along through a series of lesbian and heterosexual affairs conducted in the remote cottages favoured by the artistic and pious, her highs and lows made bearable by secret drinking bouts.

Until, that is, she met and deeply loved the writer Sylvia Townsend Warner. In 1940, Valentine Ackland wished for the "implacable regard for truth" she always strove for, to set out a record of her life for the woman with whom she had spent 19 almost unbroken years. Introduced to each other by T. F. Powys in Dorset, 1923, Sylvia and Valentine moved into a cottage together and soon became lovers. Sylvia encouraged Valentine's poetry. There were still other affairs, which caused Sylvia pain; and sometimes there were still the drawers of empty whisky bottles; but this cathartic account is a marvelous testament to a great love which lasted until Valentine's death in 1960. Quaker, backward Marge in Kitty Fitzgibbon's novel of that name (Sheba Feminist Publishers, £3.75), long time victim of incest and violence, has been released back into the world to face a normal, independent life. With a start, we later realise she is nearly forty-five years old and that the time between the delivery of her father's baby and her new freedom has been spent in psychiatric institutions.

It is an interesting tale about the suppression of the inner self and the substitution of socially acceptable roles. Marge is the daughter of Maggie whose experience are less extreme and whose reactions therefore are more accepting and forgiving than they perhaps should be. But women are the public roles assumed by the social workers, Mrs Jenkins and Mrs Collins. Ultimately, though, from a literary point of view, the cardboard caricature of "Caring Feminist," "Social Worker," "Pig-nerd Male" prove too cumbersome.

Dorothy Stannard

One small step for man, a giant leap for Mills and Boon

Somehow the hero of romantic fiction manages to be beastly without being biological. Peggy Gardner believes she has cracked the code

"... the tingling spread through her body, loosening her limbs so that she was glad to lean against his protecting arm..." Mills & Boon, right?

Wrong. For a start, the M & B man has given up protecting and gone over to the attack. He always did have a wicked tongue, but he seems to have got more physical lately. That arm is just as likely to catch the girl a swipe, or at any rate he'll grab her by the lapels and drag her to her feet so he can glare down into her eyes.

Whatever turns you on course, the love scenes we've got more physical too. They're at it for pages and

pages now, with no end of quivering sensuality and teased nipples. They're even beginning to move shyly below the waist, so maybe the clitoris will soon be mentionable. I've already caught sight of it once as a temple of womanhood. In fact, if any man reading this wants to know what gets certain women going in bed, a course of M & B could put him on the right lines.

It's a dangerous way of learning though, even if you want to try it out on an M & B reader. Especially if you want to try it out on an M & B reader.

The danger is best summed up by the shadowy nature of

the M & B man's penis. Throbbing manhood seems to be out. The nearest I found to it was aroused maleness, and that only once. Physical the M & B man may be, but he hasn't got much between his legs. When I tried writing the stuff myself the missing parts quite worried me. Presently I was to understand, but even then it was only a start.

Several starts, as it turned out. Several times I would manage a few chapters, and be forced to realise that I was way off course. Try as I might, I couldn't reproduce that M & B man. It didn't matter how coldly I made his blue eyes rake, it didn't matter how savagely I made him

press his mouth on hers — sooner or later he would develop some characteristic that no M & B reader could tolerate.

One of my men sulked when he should have been brooding. Another went to sleep in the girl's bed, instead of expertly rousing etc.

I fussed and fumed for weeks after. Why does the M & B man have to be so brooding? Why can't the writer have a little fun with him, instead of having to turn him out of the mould the same tedious shape time after time? In my mind he started appearing like that block-china in the Space Odyssey. A great rearing faceless force

that the story has to fit round as best it can.

Even then I didn't cotton on. Some people know these things by instinct, but I didn't get anywhere until I started analysing the language surrounding the great roaring faceless force and the particular phrases that are always being applied to his actions. "He stood arrogant and erect..." "His proud head jerked up..." "He rose stiff with fury..."

Of course he doesn't need an erection. He is an erection. He is a phallus, thinly disguised in a scrap of narrative. And whoever heard of a phallus getting

sleepy, or sulking, or worrying about his performance?

Now at last I understand all those high-powered women who are said to be buying M & B these days. The accountants, lawyers, doctors and computer programmers who take an M & B to bed with them. They don't want the bother of a real man, and why should they? To judge from the M & B output, readers are hopelessly imprinted on the old-fashioned, bullly raging macho, and we all know what a pest they are to have around.

It's no crime to be more interested in sex than in

people, but it can get you into trouble. If you're not interested in people you don't learn much about them, and may never manage to sort out the acceptable characteristics from the firsome or the downright destructive.

M & B man will spare you the bother. He can stand and threaten all he likes — and all she likes — but he's still only on paper. He won't break up the furniture, or kick you in the groin. He can be picked up for a one-night stand, but he won't leave you with the clap or a pregnancy. You won't even have the job of getting rid of him after breakfast.

Dorothy Stannard

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AMERICAN DIARY

Linda Blandford

ON A corner of Madison Avenue, in the midst of the upper East Side, the Whitney Museum of American Art stands and glowers like some overbearing, granite bully. It is, indeed, a strange building to stumble across, jutting out as it does in a sea of bland, architectural flourishes, from Georgian to Renaissance, Gothic to Lombardy Romanesque.

The Whitney corner on 75th Street is, however, looking extraordinarily cheerful these days, almost light-hearted. The hot dog vendors and street salesmen are out greeting the sunny spring days, it is true. But there is a regular hum and bustle about the entrance way. A long line of dandified, well-dressed art works has been laid out on the sidewalk. Young things and mink matrons hang around watching out for friends, fixing appointments, clutching heavy catalogues. The Whitney Biennial is now in full swing.

This survey of American art over the last two years is taken as some kind of wicked and provocative salon. Who has been invited? Who has been left out? Eighty-four artists in the exhibition and 55 whom live and work in New York. No wonder the very building that houses the Whitney looks so sure of itself — it is the flagship of a cultural empire. It is part of what gives knowing Manhattanites that breathtaking sense of their own importance — that they are indisputably, at the centre of the modern art world and in possession of its creativity — as if this last somehow rubbed off on them on the M4 bus up Madison Avenue.

Now in the way that a certain class of Victorians knew everything about India (except Indians), it is beholden upon the denizens of upper Park Avenue and their less comfortably-placed imitators to know about modern art. Well, actually, they also have to know about Modern Writing, but the New York Times book review section, the Literary Guild selectors and readers, the New School — they all offer courses on everything we need to know about that. No, a good eye is the new need-to-know — it is part of a lady's accomplishment.

One of the better and more interesting aspects of New York life, of course, is this very desire to go on learning until the bitter end. No notion here that education ceases off, let alone stops, that one's mind is cooked at some point. This whole host of learning options, existing in odd in 75-year-olds going back to school. The Learning Annex, Hunter College, the New School — they all offer courses on everything and their catalogues are, accordingly, required reading at smarter kindergartens.

This, then, explains the presence at the Whitney Biennial of all those clusters of ladies in a variety of furs, pastels, silks and ages. The monthly art groups are paying attention to the expert of their choice, seeking to hear what they are looking at and what they should be thinking about what they are looking at. Not a one but has already memorised the now famous catchphrase of John Russell's review in the New York Times: "Much of the show is characterised by a relentless crying out 'look at me, Me, ME!' as if art had regressed to babyhood."

Of the various professionals running the private lecture series, probably the most sought-after is Nancy Reinisch, founder and director of Art Views. Ms Reinisch, tall, dark-haired, wise-cracking and dry in the Katherine Hepburn-New York manner, runs monthly and semi-monthly courses (10 lectures \$160 each) to which 200 eager patrons currently subscribe. Her groups turn up in galleries, museums, restaurants and the tiny elevators of West 57th Street and the clanging ones down in Tribeca.

She has never advertised, never been featured in the press: "private" is a Manhattan password. Word of her

courses passes discreetly among the better co-op buildings and lunch spots. Her ladies sign up with friends ("thank God, they have a lot of friends"), and they always mean to turn up, exercise classes, dressmakers' appointments, private school conferences, Egypt, Caneel Bay and African safaris permitting.

They meet at 11.0 am at whatever field spot is on that morning. By 11.45, the lecture is over, just in time for lunch and a gossip. There are some to whom Reinisch is but their culture cocktail. "I remember," she says, "being round a Louise Bourgeois show and trying to crystallise all kinds of difficult ideas about the work — its provocations, its nature, and I hear one woman say to another: 'first you chop the onions, then you sautee them'."

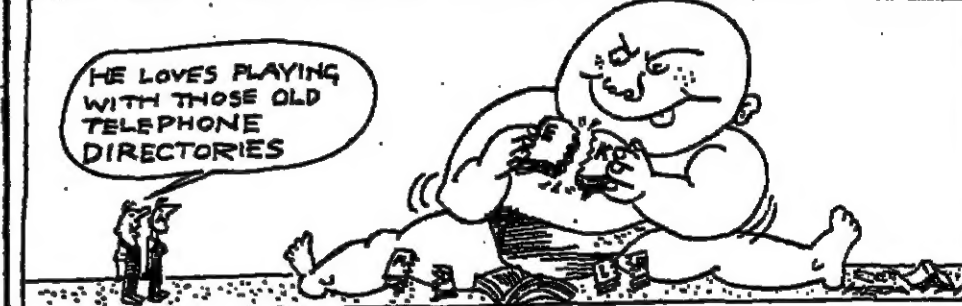
For those who do not want to do the work, to read the catalogues, to look up reference books, Reinisch does it all. She goes to the exhibitions by herself, chooses what works to look at, writes out pages of learned notes — and then presents it as a solo performance. This is her *raison d'être*. The history, the place in the greater scheme of things, the trends and interpretations — there is no question of her own passion.

And somewhere, amid the faint-hearted who won't turn out for 500 in the rain, there are others who long to have their eyes opened, their souls awakened. They go to exhibitions, to shows and galleries — they revisit their favourite piece. Should they happen to find themselves before Madame X by John Singer Sargent at the Metropolitan Museum on down in SoHo, gazing upon the 500 brass rods lying on the floor that make up Walter de Maria's minimal sculpture, Broken Kilometer, there may they meet Nancy Reinisch sitting and replenishing her spirit.

How nice to share such commitment: there is no doubting the lecturer's seriousness of purpose, anyway. And when Ms Reinisch grows a little too intense about her mission, enter Mr Reinisch with his wry reminder that on the Brandeis University bulletin her course is mentioned just below Creative Canapes.

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Edward Greenfield reviews a musical revival

Bernstein's gang on the West Side

IT IS ODD that, till now, Leonard Bernstein has never conducted his most popular work. Nearly 28 years ago Broadway was set on its head with the arrival of *West Side Story*, a musical composed by the star conductor of the New York Philharmonic, which promptly swept the musical stage throughout the world. Bernstein himself kept clear of any claim that this was opera in the making, refusing to conduct the theatre piece himself.

Now Deutsche Grammophon in New York has recorded the piece complete with a cast of the most starry operatic quality—Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Jose Carreras, Tatiana Troyanos and Mariyana Horne. Bernstein, now 66, coaches a select band of New York musicians from on and off Broadway into a performance which in its combination of brilliance, energy and precision outshines anything you could ever expect of a theatre band while staying well within the right idiom.



Leonard Bernstein: going for sound

The original idea was to record *West Side Story* in Munich, but one can hardly imagine the Bavarian Radio Orchestra whooping it up in the same way. Bernstein still denies that this is an opera, but in casting says: "I decided to go for sound. It was as if I had to have the nature of Dame Kiri as the kittenish Anita—Bernstein's Juliet figure—but she herself loved the idea. 'This was music I'd grown up with, music I'd always wanted to sing,' she said."

Having so rich and big a voice in *I Feel Pretty* will not please everyone, but the result certainly sparkles and punches home emotionally. Similarly, it was said that Carreras, the only Spanish-speaking member of the cast, should be the all-American

Tony set against the Puerto Ricans, but he manages a very passable American accent and with such a voice the richness of melody—above all *Tonight and Maria* are given Puccinian power.

There is no threat that this partnership is now going to be translated to the stage—quite an undertaking when even the publicity photo involved Carreras standing on a box—and generally the recording provides an electrifying supplement to the theatre experience, not a substitute. Broadway traditionalists may resist the musical purification process, but at least in one piece of inspired casting for *Tatiana Troyanos*, an ideal combination of background and experience has been found.

Troyanos, it appears, was born in the very area of the West Side where the story is supposed to be set, and before she achieved stardom in opera sang regularly in musicals. So she is perfectly equipped as Anita, the soapy second heroine, to sing from full-throated singing to a New York snarl. The comedy ensemble, America, is not just precise, it is full of fun, and I only wish that all of *Sondheim's* words were audible, not just the payoff lines.

The comparable number for the men's chorus, Gee, Officer Krupke, is more of a problem, rather standing out from the rest, but energy and high spirits are what matter. As a recording this is a set which asks to be listened to intently complete with libretto, if only to explain what is going on in the brilliant and closely dramatic dance sequences. Dialogue has been kept to the minimum (mainly spoken by Bernstein's son and daughter, not Kiri and Carreras) and the relatively dry acoustic of the recording still allows bloom on the voices.

For those who invest in the CD set the Symphonic Suite from Bernstein's music for the film *On the Waterfront*, anticipating *West Side Story* in much the same style (DG 415 253-2 two discs). The LP set comes without all-up (416 543-1). After the king and high voice of Bernstein's adaptation of the Romeo and Juliet story Gounod's intentionally more faithful adaptation of Shakespeare is liable to sound underpowered. At least the new version from HMV with the Toulouse Capote Orchestra conducted by Michael Plasson (BX 27 01433 three LPs) easily outshines the last one on the same label with its miscast Italian principals. This time the results are vocally far more stylish.



Suzuki, left, gathered together a group of dedicated performers including Kayoko Shirai, his leading lady, right

Tadashi Suzuki's version of The Trojan Women by Euripides opens tonight. Kenneth Rea reports on this exhilarating vision of Greek tragedy

SINCE no one has the faintest idea how it was played, Greek tragedy has always been artistically open to all comers. Despite fresh translations and new interpretations, it remains the unscaled peak of western theatre—usually boring on the page and superior on the stage. Was this the theatre, you wonder, that kept 15,000 bottoms on stone seats for three days on end? Blame classical scholars for the boredom. Generations of them have purged over the words and ignored the theatricality of it all. Happily, that view is changing. It is now recognised that Athenians of the fifth century BC went to the theatre (theatron) as a "seeing place." There was music and the chorus didn't just sing. It danced. Greek tragedy was total theatre and the words were only part of it.

But since only the written texts survive, it is rather like trying to reconstruct *Cats*, the musical, from T.S. Eliot's poems. Recent revivals like *The Greeks by the B&C* and the National Theatre's *Orestes*, have been about listening rather than seeing.

Tadashi Suzuki's version of Euripides' *The Trojan Women*, which opens tonight at the Riverside Studios, takes a different approach. For one thing, this is not just a translation but completely new play: the text has been chopped, rearranged and added to—fortunately a full synopsis is provided. "I wanted to make

a play on a theme that concerns everyone, beyond differences of nationality or historical time," explains Suzuki. "So I have treated it on two levels: it can be both ancient and modern."

"Euripides' play depicts the fate of women who have suffered in war. It is a typical situation: the men initiate the war and are killed, and the women are left behind without husbands. What I'm trying to show in the play is that the situation hasn't really changed. It was the same in Japan during World War Two, and in the Middle East where there are still wars going on today."

Euripides shows the widows of the conquered Trojans waiting to be shipped off to grace the beds of the victors. The Greek version takes place in a bombed out Japanese city just after World War Two. An old woman stumbles into a graveyard and likens herself to *Hecuba* and *Cassandra*. As she relives their grief, the other characters appear in her fantasy. Presumably she is also something of a classical scholar to know the names of the first place. Suzuki however maintains that the Greek myths are not unknown in Japan and that the *Trojan Horse* is hugely popular bedtime story.

The darker warning of Suzuki's play is that happiness is based on suffering and the tide of fortune can change at any time.

Religion is also implicated through the silent figure of



A woman at war

Jizo, the Buddhist protector of children. Unlike the Greek gods, Jizo stands immobile throughout the action, not even flinching when Andromache's child is taken from her and dismembered. Suzuki: "Of course there are cases like Khmer's war in the Middle East, but generally religion is just an outlook to the situation. It didn't help Japan in World War Two, so it lost a lot of support after that. Many Japanese people now are so intoxicated with prosperity that I am afraid we might end up like the United States—becoming spiritually destroyed."

Stylistically, Suzuki has approached Euripides through the tradition of Noh and Kabuki. And here lies his main preoccupation. Not only are there structural similarities between the Greek and the Japanese theatre in their use of chorus, monologue, music and dance, but both, he feels, need reuniting. "To us in Japan, Noh and Kabuki are like Tutankhamen's mummy," says Suzuki. "The first time you look at them, you may be enchanted by their exoticism. But you can't live with a mummy all the time."

"In Greek tragedy just the words are left. You may think that's a problem. In the Japanese theatre, the whole body is left. That means that the old forms of acting are fixed in every detail. A theatre like that can't possibly have any meaning in today's world. That's why I call it a mummy. I want to give another life to the mummy, to rediscover that original energy that was there when it was alive. Which is why I call my play, a modern Noh."

To achieve the necessary discipline for a modern Noh, Tadashi Suzuki gathered a group of dedicated actors and drilled them in his own system of training, now known in America as the Suzuki Method. It is Suzuki's main claim to fame. After 11 years together the actors of the Suzuki Company of Tokyo (formerly Waseda Shogeki) have developed physical intensity that ensures their performance will be anything but soporific. From Paris to Los Angeles where the company appeared in last year's Olympic Arts Festival, SCOT (as it is known for export) has drawn lavish praise. Its leading lady, Kayoko Shirai, has become a celebrity for the muscularity of her acting and the profundity of her remarkable voice.

All this testifies to the power of the Suzuki Method, which will be demonstrated at

the Riverside Studios on Saturday afternoon. Aimed at strengthening and co-ordinating the body and voice, it is a gruelling synthesis of Kabuki and martial arts training, involving among other things, prolonged foot stamping.

The purpose of this, says Suzuki, is to make contact with nature. "The trend of civilisation has been to depart from the ground. In advanced cities you have tall buildings, aeroplanes and rockets that go to the moon. To rediscover our human identity we have to communicate with the ground and through that with nature. We have to learn to co-exist with nature, not to conquer it all the time. That is culture. We get our energy through the ground, and that is why we stamp. Culture is the body. If I had a religion, that would be it."

RONNIE SCOTT'S

John Fordham

Cedar Walton

CEDAR Walton, the elegant and dandyish bebop pianist is making his graceful way at Ronnie Scott's Club until the end of the week. Despite his undoubted prowess, the presence of that brilliant and vivacious percussionist Billy Higgins—devotees of the improvisers' art gain a new pleasure from watching Higgins at work as listening—is the sharper manifestation of spontaneous music. Walton reveals how insidiously billowing arpeggios and ornate flourishes at the keyboard can gentrify even the crisp and no-nonsense energy of bebop.

But for Billy Higgins, who has worked with all manner of ingenious artists over the years—including Ornette Coleman, and Don Cherry, everything can be stated succinctly, but with irresistible charm. On the trio's first tune, a jazz blues with African inflections, at Walton's left hand—dabbling and needling at the rhythm—and Higgins' snare drum were almost indistinguishable from each other. Higgins sits upright at his kit, head slightly cocked, elbows tucked in. A beautiful grin always adorns his face, and he hits the skins as if they were ping-pong balls with a sound as sharp as hailstones. Sometimes he will play a long time, keeping passages entirely on the cymbals, making the music rise through woodpecker tapping on the rims, making it shake itself through brief rumblings on the tom tom.

The band then passed through a fairly neutral ballad called *My Old Flame*, a Latin piece suffused with James Bond-like chords, a dash of Ellingtonia—bassist David Williams performing several cool and eloquent solos. The number accelerated brightly after a ponderous beginning and Higgins discovered the brief instant that made the evening. The sound as he abruptly opened the cymbals in switching from brushes to sticks was as if the room had suddenly been flooded with light.

WAREHOUSE

Rosalind Cane

Spell Number Seven

NTOZAKE SHANGE writes of the pride and pain of American blacks. Some may find her language florid, over-theatrical, even outrageous; others will find it passionately original. Whatever the verdict, it is impossible to deny its strange and special quality, a quality which calls for equally special attention that Sue Parrish's somewhat workaday

production for the recently formed Women's Playhouse Trust, fails to provide.

Spell Number Seven focuses on a sorcerer whose father was asked to turn a young black boy, white. The magic discovered a different magic, the magic of allowing black people to reclaim their colour. Played by Erick Ray Evans, he is the most powerful presence on stage, with a voice that has the appeal that never loses a subtle ironic edge. His eight companions are identified less distinctly, performers playing performers in endless mirror images of the minstrel roles they have been forced to adopt in order to survive.

The setting is a Manhattan bar, a sustained dramatic metaphor for the enforced idleness which has been the legacy of freedom from slavery. Figures drift in and out from the Bowery, the "whisky black space" of St. Louis, the Third World's tourists spots.

Ms Shange makes considerable demands on her audience. The story of the Persons and Claudette Williams break through the barrier to some extent, and the latter's fierce monologue, "Today I'm gonna be a white girl," is a bitter exposure of hypocrisy, fear and envy. But the heightened pitch of the text is barely sustained. This is declaratory, celebratory stuff which would brook the heart and assuage the senses. Too often it merely arouses the detached interest.

TAUNTON

Allen Saddler

Last of the Red Hot Lovers

AMERICAN humour in general, New York humour in particular, starts off in a higher gear than home-grown comedy and starts from a different place. Neil Simon's *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* assumes that the audience is bright and literate and fully informed on the current anxieties and neuroses of the times. It also assumes that the audience will pick up on the situation without having it spelled out in large letters.

Here we have a married middle aged New Yorker trying to have a last fling in the space of two hours in his mother's apartment. He makes three attempts and the elongated sketch form the three acts of the play.

Simon has the knack of producing polished one-liners, running gags, and perceptive comment on contemporary mores. Each joke, is only at

home in its setting. The humour is smart and sophisticated but the characters are warmly human and vulnerable and are not moping in elevated circles. Where much of English contemporary comedy relies on stock characters who are usually half-wits, Simon's people are ordinary folk caught up in a strange environment.

The pivot character, Barney runs a fish restaurant, and his pick of potential sexual partners are either hard-boiled, cooky or depressed. Barney's attempt at romance run into reality at every turn. It is the failure of reality to match up to fantasy that makes the humour real and hard hitting.

This delightful and entertaining piece is at The Warehouse, Taunton, in a touring production from the Channel Theatre Company, who do the play justice in pace and style. Ken Farrington plays the nervous play boy with a different approach, but with some passion for his own predicament.

ment Janet Hargreaves plays the experienced accomplice throwing away the lines with aplomb. Erika Hoffman is the legacy night club singer, bubbling with febrile vitality and pills.

CARDIFF

Ken Rowat

Grunert/Nicol

STUTTGART is Cardiff's twin, and the two cities have arranged an exchange of artists. Welshman Phil Nicol has returned from his spell in Stuttgart, now Andreas Grunert is at work in a studio provided by the Chapter Arts Centre. Both artists are exhibiting at the Andrew Knight Gallery until April 20 and Grunert also shows at Chapter until Saturday.

The German works with controlled sparseness, allowing matches of skilled draughtsmanship to emerge from scatterings of marks or brushstrokes. It's an idiosyncratic style laced with surreal humour and his subjects are usually mysterious figures who seem to be grappling with a disintegrating environment.

Grunert's monochromatic *Boat Without Prow* at Chapter is compelling, and at the Knight Gallery one among many etchings depicts what appears to be an amputee with a prosthetic gyrating uncontrollably on the ruins of a hospital trolley. His most recent painting of a figure confronting a hare looks feeble though, and one hopes that Cardiff is not having an adverse effect on him.

Phil Nicol's work is somewhat laboured by comparison in spite of the vigour with which he applies his paint. Figures are given the prevalent new image treatment to the point where they are barely identifiable, but this deliberate avoidance of definition fails to intrigue or achieve much individuality. Two water colour studies for *Belly Up* have a dense, luminous quality but—four Maxfield-oriented paintings are so different in style that one wonders whether Nicol has found his centre yet.

CONCERT DATES

Groves BBC Symphony Orchestra/Mutter, Festival Hall, tonight at 7.30 pm. John McCabe's *Shadow of Light*, written in 1979, is the unusual overture for this Royal Philharmonic Society programme. Anne-Sophie Mutter, now far more than a Karajan protégé, is soloist in the Schubert Violin Concerto.

Söderström/St Hill/Romund, Wigmore Hall, tomorrow at 7.30 pm. This is the first recital in the Sounds of Sweden Festival. Elisabeth Söderström with the baritone, Erister St Hill, sings songs and duets by rare Swedish composers as well as Purcell, Schubert, Faria and Ravel. Friday at 7.30 brings Karsten Meyer introducing four young Swedish singers, while on Saturday the much-praised New Chamber Orchestra of Stockholm will be playing Dag Wiren, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky. Abbado/LSO, Festival Hall, tomorrow at 7.30 pm. Migrating to the South Bank from the Barbican the Mahler and Vienna Festival presents Mahler's Seventh Symphony. Edward Greenfield

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The land of the rising surpluses

The Japanese Government yesterday announced an "action programme" to open its domestic markets to more foreign products against the background of strongly rising protectionist tides in the United States. It is the seventh dolt of liberalisation since 1981 and, like a Japanese meal — endless tasty morsels — it is likely to leave Washington hungry for more. The reason, alas, is simple; despite annual protestations of goodwill by Japanese officials the US trade deficit with Japan has been growing and growing. Last year it reached \$37 billion and some forecasts suggest it will hit \$42 billion, this year, putting it in the Guinness Book of Records as the highest current account surplus ever recorded.

Prime Minister Nakasone delivered a virtuoso performance on national television. Boxed in by formidable political constraints and powerful lobbies within his own party (including agriculture and forestry) he laid his political future on the line by almost telling his audience that it was his patriotic duty to buy foreign goods. But the instant reaction among western observers was to mark him high on artistic impression, but low on technical merit.

He would say that, wouldn't he? The US Senate Finance Committee has recommended legislation which, if enacted, would require President Reagan to obtain increased access for US products to Japan within 90 days of the bill's passage or ban imports from Japan. Leading American companies, including technological giants like Motorola, are calling for an across the board import surcharge of 20 per cent. Faced with such protectionist pressure (even though the free trading President is unlikely to agree to it) Mr Nakasone had to produce more than raw fishy bits and piety.

He only partially succeeded. Tariff reductions are to be left until later in the year. But Mr Nakasone offered to simplify

technical standards and project evaluation to give US firms greater access to the huge — and hugely protected — Japanese telecommunications market, plus concessions in sensitive areas like plywood, medical equipment and pharmaceuticals. Further measures were also on offer to liberalise financial and capital markets — but with no sign that outsiders would be allowed serious access to the coveted 2280 billion postal savings system.

The impression at the end of all the goodwill is that the Japanese Government, under external pressure (and goaded by its own employers' body, the Keidanren) is indeed liberalising, but not at a fast enough pace to stop its trade surplus from continuing to rise, let alone to be reduced.

Part of the problem, of course, lies with the rest of the world. If the US is so keen to improve its competitiveness with Japan then a large part of the solution lies within its own manor — it could pursue policies which lead to a further fall in the absurdly high value of the dollar. And if Britain is so keen to penetrate the Japanese market, how come so few companies have Tokyo offices, let alone teach their executives Japanese in the way that the Japanese learn English?

That said, though, it is also true that Japan is trying to get the best of all worlds. She protects not only declining industries, but also the home patch of those industries in which she is the acknowledged world leader. The result is an enviable virtuous circle in which Japan exports high tech goods in vast quantities to the US and then invests the proceeds back on Wall Street, thereby helping to keep the dollar strong and the yen relatively weak — which in turn improves the competitiveness of Japanese goods.

If Tokyo really wants to make a positive contribution to world trade, there are two vital steps. First, intervene more boldly to ensure that domestic markets are at least as open as those around the world so successfully penetrated. Second, reduce demand at home to suck in more imports. This would, ideally, be done in concert with the stronger European economies, West Germany and the UK, as part of a convergence of economic policies.

This is the sort of rational orchestration that would be seriously discussed at next month's Bonn economic summit. But if

summits stubbornly refuse to do what summits are supposed to do, then maybe the time has come for some of the strongest economies to rebalance unilaterally. Japan, with its embarrassing balance of payments surplus, is uniquely placed to do just that.

The gulf of incomprehension

Mr Perez de Cuellar risked a rebuff when he flew to the Gulf in search of a settlement to the Iran-Iraq conflict. That rebuff was duly delivered, in both capitals, and yesterday he flew away again. It says much for his qualities that he should personally undertake such a forlorn mission rather than send a subordinate UN official. At least he has been able to impress on both parties the serious anxiety now felt in much of the world about the cost in lives and badly needed resources of the long, savage, and (from the outside) pointless war. His hosts both told him they wanted peace and urged him to continue his efforts, but it seems that no effort which allows President Saddam Hussein of Iraq to remain in power will be acceptable in Tehran.

Saddam began the war on an impulse which, initially at least, he was lucky to survive. It soon became apparent that Iraq could not emerge the winner but could at best hold off the Iranian teenage infantry attacks which (fortunately with diminishing frequency) have been launched against his riverine defences. In spite of his recent air raids on Tehran his capital, Baghdad, and second city, Basra, remain far more vulnerable merely by their proximity to the frontier. At the same time Saddam has inflicted far less damage on Iranian oil installations than he is capable of doing with his superior air force and with Scud missiles supplied by France. In exchange for the modest support and averting of eyes of the United States and other western powers, as well as of the Soviet Union, he has stopped short of leading Iran into the retaliation it has threatened against the other major Gulf oil exporters. This self-restraint sits ill with his original act of gross miscalculation, but it has so far confined the war almost entirely to the two countries. As long as it remains confined the superpowers' interests

do not conflict, which may be one reason why it has not been brought to a head. Any serious extension would call for pavlovian responses in Moscow and Washington, and if Mr De Cuellar's mission has put off that yet more evil day it will have been justified in that alone. It is not certain, even then, that the superpowers would see their interests totally differently; but they might, and the prospect is daunting enough.

Many students of Iran now discount the notion that this war has become a test of nerve between two fanatics, aptly though the description might fit either. The fervour, they say, would survive the death of Ayatollah Khomeini, for the downfall of his impudent opponent would mean a fundamental Shiite duty. This is the 15th century of Islam, and at a comparable period Christianity was capable of equally extreme, equally murderous, and equally uncompromising expressions of religious idealism. The motives which animate the faithful in Iran — in southern Lebanon also, and where next? — are of a totally different order from the types of motive now familiar to political analysts in the western and eastern capitals. As in the case of the US Embassy and the ruthless suppression of the Tudeh Party, that makes for a vacuum of incomprehension when the two worlds overlap.

Fences, fines and flannel

Our peripatetic Prime Minister, making her Easter recess visit around the Far East and offering thoughts on the miners to the people of Malaysia and on Mr Gorbachev to those in Singapore, will doubtless spend today interesting the inhabitants of Indonesia in soccer violence. Her Prime Ministerial progress seems increasingly to be representing the synthesis of two of the basic mid-term laws: if you're falling in the polls either go abroad or go for easy populist issues.

After the events of March 13, when Millwall "supporters" ran riot in Luton during and after an FA Cup match, Mrs Thatcher grabbed hold of the issue as though it was the Falkland Islands. She called for action and a Downing Street summit. She sent the footballing power-

that be away to find solutions to a problem which has for years defeated the football clubs, the police and various ministers of sport. Yesterday the Football Association, possibly mindful that the Prime Minister was far from home, handed down its judgement. It is unlikely that it will find favour with Mrs Thatcher.

For a start there is no recommendation that Millwall should play future Cup-ties in Scotland. Instead the club have been fined £7,500 and ordered to make next season's Cup matches all-ticket. Luton have also been told to hold all-ticket Cup games and to fence in spectators at their ground. If you're a Luton supporter this may seem rather like fining Lloyds Bank for allowing armed robbers to break into their safe. As Mr John Smith, Luton's chief executive, said after the verdict: "Our fans were never at any time involved in crowd misbehaviour. It was not our fans who wrecked our town, our stadium, or the trains en route." An appeal follows.

Millwall, though, have a reputation as a club which attracts troublemakers. Their own ground is fenced, and that has not helped. All-ticket games mean troublemakers have to get tickets, but that is seldom difficult. The Millwall management are as opposed to violence as everybody else. This is the trouble with simple remedies: those punished are neither responsible for the crime nor do they condone it. But when Prime Ministers call for action there has to be a response, and it is perhaps more immediately important that it be visible than efficacious. In this particular case the one obvious mistake on March 13 was corralling too many Millwall fans into too small a space in the ground. Advance intelligence was not good enough. The police, who had no difficulty alerting Nottinghamshire to the presence of north-bound miners' pickets in the Dartford tunnel, could equally give advance warning of the numbers of Millwall fans on their way to Luton. But small fines and fencing for non-offending grounds seem unlikely to affect a problem as intractable as it is abhorrent. You can't fine or fence away an endemic social disease. But nor, for all the Downing Street lather, can you hector it into submission. Yesterday the FA left us no nearer any solution: though one day nearer the cricket season.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Trained to listen

Sir, — Allow me to reassure David Armstrong (Letters, April 4) that it is not necessary for Bryan Round to instruct members of the Professional Association of Teachers that PAT holds no brief for a Tory government. It was Bryan who first pointed out to us that we were an association of independently minded teachers united only by a common abhorrence of the use of the strike weapon in schools. Our parliamentary consultants are drawn from left, right and centre. Now, however, our worst fears are being realised as groups of pupils begin to ape the behaviour of their striking teachers.

The NUT was the only union to reject Sir Keith's proposals for the teaching profession. Our hand, every other union took the trouble to spell out the unacceptable elements in his paper. Of course it may be that the NUT really believes that three years at training college with many cases of the absolute minimum of entry qualifications should provide a passport to a top salary, job security for life and no obligations.

Teachers' salaries are a disgrace; working conditions, never ideal, are fast becoming abysmal and promotion prospects are heartbreaking; but it is a fact that some teachers are less than professional in their attitudes. It is doubly unfortunate that some of them are heads.

I do not like the government's proposals for teachers any more than I like most of their other proposals but I sense some of the frustration behind Sir Keith's blundering. I watched him at a meeting two years ago come down from the platform and beg the audience of teachers to talk to him about the future of the profession. He met with little success.

If teaching is a true profession then teachers must display professional attitudes and that includes the ability to put their case effectively in order to justify their demands for more resources. It can be done, right is on our side and we all know Mrs Thatcher has the key to the safe in her pocket. We have public support, which should not be alienated, and positive suggestions are beginning to appear in the professional journals. Every avenue must be explored but we need leaders who will carry us honestly forward — not door-slammers.

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Degree out

Sir, — When advising the Malaysian Prime Minister that "if you travel far enough to the east you reach the west" was Mrs Thatcher really indicating a desire to be offered an honorary doctorate of Geography? — Yours etc.

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Rutland.

Why the Church must reckon with an empty tomb

Sir, — Richard Thonger (Letters, April 3) is justified in his amazement that Bishop Jenkins should espouse views which undermine the Christian faith although doubting theologians and even doubting clerics have been around for a long time, but he is not justified in claiming that he knows the truth or falsehood of the circumstances surrounding the alleged discovery of Jesus's empty tomb.

Nor can he claim to know the motives of the high priests, whose main characteristic cannot have been "their anti-Christianity". Christianity had not been invented.

Because the Gospels are propaganda they cannot be relied upon completely, although they may contain historical fragments. They are best interpreted using Occam's Razor and an idea of the most probable course of events based on a sound knowledge of contemporary political and social mores. If the tomb was found to be empty, and the arguments

for the invention of this story are weak, then the most probable explanation is that someone removed the body (dead or alive). From their subsequent actions, it is clear that the disciples were not responsible (although it was natural for the authorities to blame them), and suspicion falls on Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus.

Thus, while the high priests' accusation may have been false, it was nevertheless a reasonable one. It did not discredit the priests, who can hardly have been motivated by jealousy; they must have had justified fears that the theft would be interpreted by the people as a resurrection (as indeed it was).

For priests were not anti-Christian any more than they were anti-Jewish. They were not even anti-Roman. They were, as Sadducees, sensibly opposed to religious fanaticism and the superstitious beliefs of the Pharisees and the common people who followed them. They foresaw

that such fanaticism could ruin their country, as indeed it did 40 years later. — Yours faithfully,
Stewart Campbell,
4 Dovecot Loan,
Edinburgh.

Sir, — I am not advocating a witch hunt amongst our bishops but I do think that the time has come when one or two of them should consider whether they are in the right job.

Sadly, I feel that in view of his outrageous comments about David Jenkins, the Bishop of Norwich should resign and go back to theological college (to study). — Yours,
Jonathan Howard,
Lichfield, Staffs.

Sir, — On behalf of British Unitarians may I welcome Richard Thonger (Letters, April 3) to the long list of those who think the Bishop of Durham, David Jenkins, should concede his fundamental ambivalence within the common Christianity and join a religious movement

long dedicated to his kind of open-minded search for truth.

Indeed, this suggestion has, I know, often been put directly to the Bishop, but he seems to feel (at present) unable to accept the offer of a place among 13th-generation heretics, such as Unitarians. Of course, we could not offer him equivalent ecclesiastical status, as we have no bishops, but no-one would, I am sure, suggest that that factor would weigh at all with Mr Jenkins.

Perhaps when the Bishop gives the Hibbert Lecture (a Unitarian foundation) on BBC Radio 4 (Sunday April 14 at 8pm), we will understand better his own conception of the differences between his rejection of the dubious accretions of Christian belief and the traditional Unitarian rejection of unnecessary, unprovable, untenable dogma. Many confused Unitarians (oh, yes, we admit that some of us are as confused as Anglicans by the whole "Durham Affair") will look forward with eager anticipation to Mr Jenkins's

explanation of why he is not (openly) a Unitarian.

Meanwhile, many Unitarians and other liberal religious people are glad to see the Bishop and his like saying what they are saying from within the body of their traditional Faith, for thus they might liberalise it and significantly increase the witness of free, liberal religious thought.

In addition, they will stimulate the traditional, evangelical Anglicans to a firmer defence of their faith, to a clear conception of their Christianity, which surely none of them could but be thankful for. In other words, the apparent "hypocrisy" of David Jenkins and his followers is but a secondary consideration compared with the strengthening effect of his challenge on so many wings of his own church, and on the claimed faith of so many outside it. — Yours (Rev'd) F. E. Claburn,
Information Officer,
Essex Hall,
Strand,
London WC 2.

The anti-apartheid champion that divides the protesters

Sir, — Whatever may have been said between your correspondents Solly Smith, Des Starks, Sonia Sutting and Mike Terry (Letters, April 6) about the 1982 round-the-clock picket of South Africa House on behalf of David Kitson and the other political prisoners of apartheid, these four people were conspicuous by their absence.

Why, if they are committed to picketing as they say in their letter in Saturday's Guardian? Why do they object to the City Group's Friday pickets, a successful continuation of the 1982 picket that has been carried on ever since? And why are they treating David Kitson and his family as unworthy to champion the anti-apartheid cause?

David Kitson was a Sapper in the Allied Armed Forces in Italy in world war II; a leading shop steward in Britain in the 1950s and was black-listed for it by the engineering employers; a prisoner of apartheid for 20 years for his membership of the military wing of the African National Congress; he is committed to the liberation of the people of South Africa, unbroken by prison, intelligent, articulate, and full of humanity. Can you

imagine a more powerful weapon in the anti-apartheid cause?

Yet the current issue of Anti-Apartheid News, organ of the Anti-Apartheid Movement, contains no report of any meeting David Kitson has addressed because the AAM does not invite him to speak at their meetings. They have published no in-depth interview since his return to Britain last summer. The group of anti-apartheid MPs have arranged no House of Commons meeting so that his experience could be presented to a wider group of parliamentarians.

Apart from a speaking tour arranged by TASS, David Kitson's trade union and local meetings arranged by direct contact, not through AAM, it has been left to a handful of local councils to welcome David Kitson and accord him recognition. It is not time opponents of apartheid and of racism in Britain called for an end to this treatment? And what of the people of South Africa facing the bullets of the apartheid police? Do they care now we have received David Kitson? If they could be told of it, what would they have to say? — Yours Mary Barnett,
2 Southern Road,
London N2.

Weapons that come before beds

Sir, — I applaud Angela Walsh's concern about the cuts in services in the hospital she works in (Second Opinion, March 27). I too am a student nurse at a London teaching hospital, and I too am appalled at the reduction in the number of acute beds. Only eight weeks ago there was a critical shortage of beds throughout London as a result waiting lists lengthened and people were sent home days earlier than usual. Who says fewer beds are needed?

But this is only part of the problem in our health service. Why don't we have a national cervical screening programme? Why can't people who need renal dialysis always get it? Why do

we plan to spend £11,000,000,000 on Trident? This reveals the true obscurity of the situation.

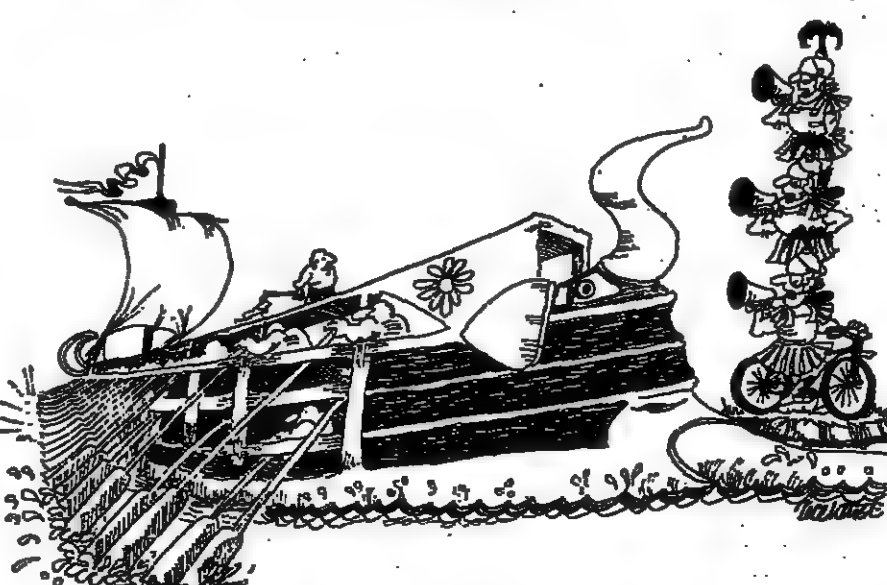
In June Parliament will debate the defence estimates. We still have time to tell our MPs not to waste £11,000,000,000 on a high-tech system for killing people, but to spend it on the NHS. It's about time we had cervical smears and renal dialysis freely available, and a pay rise, and re-employed our own cleaners, etc. Now is the time to turn our swords into ploughshares, missiles into x-ray scanners. — Yours faithfully,
Hazel Heath,
Flat 9, Sailors' Palace,
680, Commercial Road,
London E14.

A COUNTRY DIARY

OXFORDSHIRE: One of the least noticed phenomena of spring re-awakening is the appearance of the Roman snail out and about after its long period of hibernation. During the latter state this snail, as is the case with its commoner garden relative, hides away in some cranny and then seals its entrance against predatory intruders during its dormancy. But whereas the garden pest merely forms a thin parchment seal across the opening, the Roman snail uses the lime of its environment to form a hard stone layer as its operculum. On a recent visit to see my favourite colony of sweet violets was in bloom (and it was in great variety of shades of blue and mauve, but with white predominating). I noticed what I took to be an empty shell of this local speciality protruding from the leaf-litter amongst the violets, but on picking it

up discovered that it was occupied by an active specimen. This was a hundred yards or so away from the stony embankment which is the nearest habitat, and therefore I took a walk to count how many I could find over the stretch where I found over fifty last spring. I had walked about a quarter of a mile without success, and then found my first specimen. But it was still in the solidly sealed state, and apparently had been dislodged by a minor landslide during the thaw. It would seem, therefore, that the re-awakening of this species is random rather than synchronous, and since the main colony is on a north-west facing bank, whereas the one I found was open to the sun, it is probably the ambient temperature which decides when the limy door becomes detached to free the occupant.

W. D. CAMPBELL.



Sir, — Your feature (Guardian, April 4) concerning the building today in Greece of a 5th century BC Warship contained a typical piece of historical chauvinism.

This was the comment that the victory at Salamis of a fleet of these triremes over the Persians was thought by most historians to have "saved Western civilisation." There are several incorrect historical implications in this, but the most crucial are 1) that western civilisation has a continuous thread from then until now and 2) that

the west is the sole font of all civilisation.

For example, remember the Dark Ages? Western civilisation "disappeared" — and then only resurfaced — in the Renaissance — after an inspiration triggered by the impact of the contact with Islamic culture. Nor is this even to mention the "foreign" eastern influences on Plato and company.

But my protest is not simply an act of scholastic quibbling. It is cultural chauvinism which is mobilised, manipulated and appropri-

ated for international conflict. A peaceful and ecologically balanced Earth will presumably have human inhabitants who, in recognising that they belong to one interdependent species, will acknowledge and value all cultures and civilisations within the framework of a shared human history and destiny. People, therefore, who communicate about such things must take careful responsibility for what it is that they are perpetrating.

William Bloom,
London W1.

A Liberal interpretation of unilateralism

Sir, — Too often, some of your Correspondents misuse the term "unilateralist" to denote only the full CND position on nuclear weapons. There are several other unilateral options to which the term properly applies.

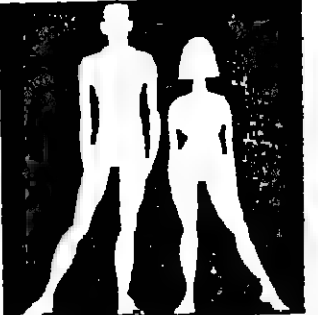
James Naughtie says (April 6): "Dr Owen and Mr Steel share the view that any move towards a unilateralist position would be damaging." So at the Liberal Assembly, last Sep-

tember Mr Steel spoke strongly for a unilateral freeze on deployment and development of nuclear weapons, and voted for the successful resolution which included the item "that missiles already installed should be removed, as a confidence building measure, from British soil forthwith as a means of initiating a progressive reduction of nuclear weapons throughout Europe."

That debate followed a day-long informal debate on the whole issue, from which

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Field work

IN A COUPLE of weeks time, unless the selection committee finds itself unable to reach an agreed decision, we shall know who has been appointed to the Koestler Chair of Parapsychology in Edinburgh University. So perhaps this is an appropriate moment to make it clear that the Koestler Foundation has no formal links with the Chair.

Arthur Koestler wanted it this way. He was well aware that a university — any university — could exploit its control of his legacy by, say, appointing a professor who was actively hostile to parapsychology (similar bequests have been diverted in this way by Harvard, Stanford and other US institutions). Keeping the foundation independent, he thought, would make this less likely to happen, as its collaboration would be withdrawn.

He also realised that there would be academic pressures to keep research projects rigorously scientific. And although he was content with this, he believed there would also be scope for research of a kind that conventional scientists (and conventional parapsychologists) find it hard to accommodate.

Mystical experiences, for example. His own encounter with the "oceanic feeling" while he was under sentence of death in Seville was of profound significance to him. Telling him with "a direct certainty" that a higher order of reality existed, and that it alone invested existence with meaning.

Mystical experiences, however, are not promising research material — not that is, for laboratory purposes. Nor are meaningful coincidences, another of Arthur's impressions that the relationship of cause and effect is more complex than we tend to assume.

Nevertheless, the "oceanic feeling" as Sir Allister Hardy found from his survey following the setting-up of the Religious Experience Research Unit at Oxford, is far commoner than had been realised. And if it does indeed point to a higher order of reality, scientists can hardly afford to ignore it — any more than they can safely ignore evidence pointing to the existence of a causal anomalies.

The other end of the spectrum, however — the relatively trivial experiences which we tend to brush off as coincidences, but which cumulatively tend to give the impression that guiding (or sometimes frustrating) forces are at work on us — has no comparable survey. So Ruth West, Director of the Koestler Foundation, and I have begun to collect case histories of episodes which, to those who have known them, appear to have transcended everyday realities. These include a great variety of experiences, premonitions, chance encounters, déjà vu, healing, problem-solving dreams, and so on. Our concern is with those which suggest design: as if some prompter in the wings is operating through our subconscious minds.

For a few people, the prompter has seemed to be permanently installed. Socrates endlessly heard, and obeyed, the instructions of his "daemon". Kipling's only truly successful work when his daemon took over. Dickens "heard" his dialogue, as if through a tape playing in his inner ear.

For most people, though, these experiences are sporadic, or perhaps simply not recognised. Our main interest in our inquiry is in those cases where recognition has had a positive effect of a kind which is striking — such as a religious conversion, or maybe of more material import, such as a change of career.

We are not asking for ghost stories, unless the ghost, like Hamlet's father, has something of importance to impart. We are not asking, either, for stories of premonitions, unless acting upon them has, say, saved life or limb.

Our venture is no more than a pilot study, designed less to answer baffling questions than to show the need to ask them. Our hope is that the evidence sent to us at the Koestler Foundation will help towards a better understanding of forces which orthodox scientists are just beginning to consider — or at least to worry about in case they have to consider them.

But in particular, we hope through this inquiry to begin the process of unblocking — of removing the effects of the conditioning which still makes so many people disturbed by, or frightened of, intimations of transcendence.

The Koestler Foundation is at 10 Belgrave Square, London SW1.

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Melanie Phillips examines the confusion of morality facing doctors

Moral dilemma behind the surgery door

WHAT do the following have in common: Victoria Gillick, Amy Sidaway, Mary Warnock, Norman Fowler, baby Cotton, and your family doctor? The answer is that they are all intimately bound up with everyday moral decision-making in medicine. They may challenge bits of it in court, chair commissions of inquiry into other bits of it, nervously police its boundaries from within the Elephant and Castle, become the victims of its mistakes, or form the poor bloody infantry that has to take the actual decisions on the ground.

What none of them can count on is a settled consensus from an informed public. Prescribing the contraceptive pill for under-age teenagers, telling the truth to patients about the risks of medical treatment, doling out extra pieces of the inadequate NHS cake to the deprived north of England or to the mentally handicapped, creating babies by in-vitro fertilisation, surrogate parenting or the innumerable daily decisions by any doctor: all of these things come under the umbrella heading of medical ethics, and by and large the public knows little about any of them.

What they do know arises mostly from the odd sensation. Thus the treatment of handicapped babies forced itself upon the national consciousness through the Arthur case, in which a distinguished paediatrician was tried for murder: the role of police surgeons in the Northern Ireland abortion pill for Bannermen, the fact that doctors don't tell patients of the risks of treatment through the case of Mrs Sidaway.

The obvious recent exception to this general rule, was the Warnock inquiry into embryology. This was a rare attempt to ventilate the moral dilemmas that have arisen in one small area of medical and scientific progress, in order to stimulate debate and arrive at some measure of national agreement. The immense problems in the path of such an agreement can be seen in the government's difficulty over that report, and whether all, some or none of it should be turned into law.

Generally, the public knows little of the dilemmas that doctors face daily. They didn't know that doctors routinely let mentally handicapped babies die until the Arthur case; they still don't know, for example, how frequently doctors break their obligation of confidentiality, or how many invidious choices are made between patients' competing claims, or how the various injunctions upon doctors to relieve suffering, respect life, do no harm, benefit the patient, justice and so on all jostle for superiority. Most people probably still think vaguely that the Hippocratic Oath covers all moral problems faced by doctors. They couldn't be further from the truth.

Medicine has changed and so has society. There is now far greater stress on individualism and rights and a corresponding hostility to authority and paternalism. Decision-making has become more bureaucratic and formalised. Where once decisions might have been taken without question by a figure of authority, now there is team-work, consensus and committees.

The scope of medicine, of course, has changed dramatically, with doctors all the time prolonging more lives and curing or alleviating more diseases. This has combined with environmental improvements to create an expectation of better health and longer life. The standards by which health is measured are becoming more exacting all the time. Yet because the cost of doing these things cannot be met in full by the state — partly because lack of political will starves health care of money, and partly because health care must be an infinite spiral of demand, results and higher expectations — choices have to be made.

Yet improved standards of life have distorted our acceptance of mortality. Not long ago, families lived with the reality and acceptance of death — new-born infants, for example, or older children stricken by mortal diseases, or of older people carried off by heart attacks or strokes as a matter of course. But now, we can largely blot out that reality. So if doctors fail to provide the new kidney, or to save the handicapped baby, this is treated almost as a failure to cheat death. If a doctor deliberately refuses to prolong a life on the grounds that it would not be worth living, some of us are outraged because we believe that any life has an absolute right to continue indefinitely. The fact that actually we are all dying has been obscured causing us to lose sight of questions about the quality of the life we live.

Doctors themselves bear no small measure of responsibility for this ignorance and distortion of values. They have

never sought to enlighten the public about issues which are their daily bread and butter and which too many of them think the public should know nothing about. In all the many codes of medical ethics that exist — themselves riddled with conflicting principles and outflanked by developments they do not begin to confront — there is no mention at all of the overriding duty upon doctors to tell the truth. And there are many ways, and many levels, of withholding the truth in medicine. Doctors may not tell patients of the risks they face in their proposed treatment, or that they are dying; they may not tell patients they are providing information about them to the DHSS or the immigration service. That is why truth-telling is so important by governments and by doctors themselves. Many doctors, of course, are impatient with abstract discussions because they seem so distant from the every day realities of their work. But unless they become less resistant to dialogue, they will run the risk of losing public confidence, with disastrous consequences.

Yet apart from the Warnock committee, which was a one-off, limited exercise, the only forum for debates on medical ethics in this country appears to be a court of law, when the

medical profession is in the dock. This is hardly satisfactory, since our accusatorial court system is not designed to arrive at a received truth and judges end up pronouncing into a moral vacuum. Nor would it help if the law were to be used to lay down far more precisely what doctors may or may not do. The law is a notoriously blunt instrument, far too crude to intrude into the daily routines of medicine, far too speedily overtaken by developments in science and society.

What we need is a body to consider issues of medical ethics as and when they arise, responsible to Parliament and charged with the task of keeping developments in medicine under constant review. It would have a permanent secretariat, hear evidence, issue working papers, invite comments and draft codes that reflect the outcome of public discussions. Only in this way would a comprehensive code of medical ethics gradually evolve.

Precedents exist abroad — in the United States, with the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioural Research; and in Australia, where the Australian Law Reform Commission is grappling with law and medical ethics. If we don't set up such a body there is a serious danger that society will eventually wake up and note that morality has been left behind by science. We need, in other words, a philosophy of medicine.

Doctors' Dilemmas: Medical Ethics and Contemporary Science, by Melanie Phillips and John Dawson, is published tomorrow by Harper Press, £7.95 paper, £20 cloth.

Inertia and the cost of vigilance

SECOND OPINION

TWO POINTS need stressing after Andrew Veitch's article (Society Tomorrow, March 27). First, the risk of an cancer developing from the use of benzoyl peroxide for acne, although probably quite slight, cannot be ruled out altogether, and is best avoided by withdrawing the preparations which contain it.

Second, it follows from the recognition that the induction of skin cancer is a two-stage process that the community is at risk from chemicals and agents classified both as inhibitors and promoters. In a situation in which the majority of cancers in the population have no clearly identifiable cause, it is by no means unreasonable to look to monitoring authorities such as the Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) to consider extending their area of vigilance to cover both factors involved in the development of skin cancer.

Finally, I wish to correct an error which crept into the article. The formation of the CSM (earlier, the Dunlop Committee) arose from the discovery in the early sixties by McBride in Australia, Lenz in Germany and Somers in England that thalidomide can cause malformations in the unborn. My very minor role in the affair was restricted to supporting Harry Evans and his colleagues at the Sunday Times in the mid-seventies, after the real scientific, journalistic, and legal action was over.

Robert Jones, London SE24.

mons in the public service (Body and Soul, March 27).

Any successful American business has its staff working on a finely honed administrative system. Statistics are kept and used to assess how well and how quickly letters are dealt with. Failure to cope brings demerits; demerits bring demotion or penalties; improved statistics bring rewards. This system seems unknown to British business education, with the results that Mary Midgley so well describes.

Below this is the fact that British office staff, with a few honourable exceptions, have been brought up to believe that business and public service ought to be some sort of mystery cult, where the only solution to problems consists of "pull" and private connections. The mere idea that abstract thought could bring about sane structures and sane office administration policies is received as either a joke or a heresy.

George Kay, London W14.

PLEASE don't blame the District Health Authorities (Second Opinion, March 27). Decisions to cut resources are made by the Government and responsibility for the current round of cuts rests fairly and squarely with them.

It is up to us all to make sure that a future government will alter its spending priorities in order to fund an adequate service. Can all Angela Walsh's NHS colleagues declare that they did not vote for the present government? I know I didn't, and that is why I stay working on my health authority, struggling to get a gallon out of a pint pot.

G. James, London N7.

BAGS I a position on Mary Midgley's commission on the needs of Depressives Anonymous.

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Social Worker —

ELDERLY & PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED GROUP

£7,347 with possible progression to £10,389

We are seeking a CQSW qualified Social Worker to complete the fieldwork team providing services in social work, occupational therapy and home care. The team is part of a multi-disciplinary group which offers fieldwork, residential and day care services to elderly and physically handicapped people in the town of Slough and adjacent rural areas.

Assessment conferences, period reviews and joint planning of resources create a close working relationship between fieldworkers and the residential/day care teams with the emphasis on improving links within the community.

If you are a newly-qualified Social Worker, you will be given a generic caseload in the first year.

A commitment to developing and delivering a professional service to this client group is essential and you must have a current driving licence.

For further details, please contact George Smith, Principal Social Worker on Slough 31201, ext. 251.

Application forms are available from the Personnel Section, Highfield, Ladgers Road, Slough SL1 2QY.

Closing date: 28th April, 1985.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

Royal County of Berkshire

PROJECT WORKER REQUIRED

FOR BUILDING BLOCKS

(Under 5's anti-racism and outreach training centre)

To join an existing team that is engaged in working with carers to develop positive cultural awareness in children under 5 through the use of multi-cultural play materials. Applicants should have a commitment to an anti-racist approach to under-fives work, experience in working with under-fives and a sensitivity to their needs, knowledge and/or experience of an ethnic minority community.

Fluency in a relevant language would be helpful, but not essential, e.g. Urdu, Creole, Yoruba, Turkish, Vietnamese etc.

35 hours per week, salary NUC Scale 6 (£3,532-£9,114, plus £1,248 London Allowance).

For further details and job description, please write, enclosing a.c.v. to: Ms. Susan Skeddell, Personnel Officer, Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE8 8RD.

Closing date: 3rd May, 1985.

We are an equal opportunities employer.

This post is GLC funded.

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If your skills match our potential — we're in business

We have recently established a new Unit within the Chief Executive and Town Clerk's Department to co-ordinate the Council's economic development policies and to develop links with local industry.

Principal Economic Development Officer

£14,013-£15,042 p.a.

Primarily responsible for developing the Council's links with industry, with particular emphasis on maximising private sector investment. Project appraisal will be an essential skill together with an ability to promote the Borough and its interests.

Economic Development Officer

£11,259-£12,243 p.a.

Responsible for supporting the Unit's activities in the formation, co-ordination and implementation of economic development policies and programmes. An integral part of the job is to establish links with employers organisations, government and other relevant bodies to identify the needs of industry.

Economic Development Assistant

£6,553-£7,329 p.a.

With particular focus on the promotion of the Borough providing advice and assistance in industry about grant availability, land supply and other relevant matters.

Economic Development Assistant

£4,528-£7,329 p.a.

To provide administrative and analytical support and generally to assist other members of the team.

Whilst it is possible that applicants will possess a relevant academic or professional qualification candidates from a wide range of disciplines or backgrounds, in the public or private sector will be acceptable. Candidates must be able to demonstrate extensive relevant experience.

For further information about each position contact Sheila Holloway, telephone Walsall 2124, ext. 2008.

Application forms and job descriptions available from P.M.S.U., Civic Centre, Darvall Street, Walsall, WS1 1JR. Tel: Walsall 21244 ext. 2054/2055.

Closing date: 26.4.85.

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METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

MARKETING FOR

OXFAM

Britain's leading overseas aid agency is looking for an experienced marketing professional to join as APPEALS MANAGER, a committed and successful fundraising team raising upwards of £10m each year for disaster relief and self-help projects in the Third World.

Responsible for the Fundraising Director the task of the APPEALS MANAGER will be to guide and direct OXFAM's already highly regarded work in the fields of advertising and direct mail.

Salary around £14,000, Oxford based.

Please send personal details in confidence to Geoffrey Elms, Charity Appointments, 146 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4HN.

This is one of several similar assignments currently being handled by

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Opportunities for Race Workers in Housing

Lambeth is an inner city borough with a multi-racial population containing a large black community. The Council is committed to further develop its policies in respect of Race and Housing provision.

Within the Directorate of Housing there are specialist field officers working to meet the needs of the black community. They are establishing and developing links with black groups and organisations and working closely with agencies such as the Council for Community Relations in Lambeth. These officers must have an appreciation of the issues surrounding private and public sector housing and the problems experienced by the black community in relation to its provision. In addition they must be fully committed to addressing themselves to the issues of urban deprivation and racial disadvantage.

Currently we have vacancies within this challenging and rewarding field for the following specialist officers.

SPECIAL HOUSING SERVICES OFFICERS (Race Relations)

(Ref H70)

Special Housing Services is committed to promoting and implementing the concept of care within the community for the homeless, disabled, vulnerable and elderly. In this demanding area you will be identifying the needs of the black community and ensuring that appropriate supportive housing and resettlement service is provided. A particular area of your work will be in the provision of specialist advice to the Directorate on the homeless and the vulnerable and you will encourage and participate in the development of housing schemes specifically catering for the vulnerable.

RACE RELATIONS OFFICERS (Neighbourhood)

(Ref H69)

Based on our estates you will play an important advisory role for tenants from the black community and assist with their recognition and integration into the community, as well as providing supportive and specialist advice to your colleagues in the housing management field. A key area of your work will be investigating complaints of racial harassment recommending and instigating the appropriate action.

For these posts candidates must have experience of dealing with people in a tactful and sensitive manner. It is essential that you are able to demonstrate a practical approach to problem solving, together with excellent communication and organisation skills. You must be fully aware of current legislation, practices and policies in the field of Race Relations in Housing.

HOUSING ADVISORY OFFICERS (Race Relations)

(Ref H67)

Lambeth's Housing Advice Services require two Housing Advisory Officers to meet the housing needs of Lambeth's multi-racial community living in the private sector.

The two postholders would be working primarily with either the Afro-Caribbean or Asian communities and groups. Therefore, it is essential that applicants indicate which post they are interested in.

The successful applicants will be concerned with providing a comprehensive advice and aid service to members of the black communities and groups and to ensure that they are made fully aware of and use the range of services provided by the Housing Advice Centre. You will also be required to promote and contribute to the

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

£21,879 — £23,931

Due to the impending retirement of the present postholder, applications are invited for this key post which has a major responsibility for controlling environmental conditions and safeguarding public health. Ideally, applicants should be qualified and fully experienced Environmental Health Officers capable of directing a full range of statutory and other functions. However, the main qualifications are the ability to manage and a commitment to implementing the Council's policies for improving and decentralising its services. The successful candidate will be a full member of the Chief Officers' Management Team.

For an application form and further particulars please telephone 061-234 7501. Applications should be returned to The Director of Personnel, 4th Floor, Cumberland House, Crown Square, Manchester M60 3BB, by 3rd May, 1985.

MANCHESTER City Council

Manchester City Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer, and we positively welcome applications from women and men, regardless of their racial, ethnic or national origin, disability, age, sexuality, or responsibilities for dependants.

COULD YOU SPEAK THE PUBLIC'S MIND ON TODAY'S NHS ISSUES?

Community Health Councils are independent bodies, set up to air the public's views to NHS management, on a local level.

The senior full time Salariat Officer of the Council is an organising Secretary, responsible for the effective running of the CHC. A vacancy has arisen at the Walcott CHC.

Candidates are generally aged 25+ with good educational qualifications, articulate, diplomatic and experienced administrators, preferably with some previous Health Service, Social Services or voluntary work experience.

It is a fascinating job bringing you into contact with a range of people from one-man crusaders to minority pressure groups, with fresh topics arising daily, from surveys into patients' perceptions of the service to discussions about ward closures.

Salary (NHS Scale 9) is in the range £8,744 to £10,739 per annum. New entrants to the NHS commence at the minimum of the scale.

For an application form and job description, write quoting CHC/W9 to Personnel Division, West Midlands Regional Health Authority, 200 Broad Street, Birmingham B15 1SW. Completed application forms to be returned by 26th April 1985. Present CHC Secretary, Miss Jane Smith (Walsall 33970) may be contacted for further information.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVES DEPARTMENT

Principal Race Relations Adviser

£17,340 — £18,738 p.a. (incl.)

CAMDEN COUNCIL is seeking a genuinely innovative and creative person to head its Central Race Relations Unit at an exciting and challenging time in the development of its race relations strategies.

We have recently made significant organisational changes to ensure that an adequate structure exists for the development of a corporate approach to policy formulation and implementation throughout the Authority, and we are looking for someone who will be able to assume full responsibility for achieving the Council's objectives.

Needless to say, you will need extensive first-hand experience of working with black and ethnic minority communities, a thorough knowledge of the whole field of race relations and a wholehearted commitment to racial equality. Local Government experience and proven managerial skills will be valuable assets, but are not essential. You will need the ability to negotiate successfully, to communicate effectively with officers and elected members, to support and motivate staff by setting clear objectives and sticking to them and to gain the confidence of black and ethnic minority communities. You should be fully committed to consultation and possess proven campaigning skills. You will work in close co-operation with the Women's Unit and the Police Unit on issues of common concern, and be a member of the Chief Officers' Board.

If you think you can match up to the challenge, then we should meet most certainly like to hear from you. Informal enquiries to David Riddle, Deputy Chief Executive, on 01-278 4444 ext 2004.

Application form (and further details) from and to be returned to: Controller of Personnel Services, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1 2RU. Tel: 01-278 4444 Ext 2577 quoting reference no 1A/327/3. Closing date: 29th April 1985.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Deputy Group Leader

£8,772 — £10,068 p.a. (incl.)

At Chaworth, a Community Home with Education in Chertsey near Ottershaw, Surrey, we aim to provide a stable environment in which adolescent girls can be given the physical and emotional care to meet their individual needs.

You will assist in all aspects of staff organisation; act as a personal counsellor to one or more girls resident at Chaworth; deputise in the absence of the Group Leader; keep records and attend case conferences as required; it will be necessary to 'sleep in' on a rota basis.

You must be experienced in the care of young people. Applicants with a qualification and experience in Residential Care preferred. Ability to consider the welfare of the young people at Chaworth is paramount. You must be prepared to work within a way consistent with the Council's Equal Opportunity policy. (Ref: 1017/3/G).

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Social Services

Principal Assistant

(South Division)

Ref: JMC207/10

£14,400 — £15,387 p.a.

South Division covers the area of the District Council of Newark, Gedling, Rushcliffe and Broxtowe (population 400,000). Each District is also a Social Services Area, having an Area Director in charge, who has responsibility for the local planning of services and for day to day service delivery and who is largely responsible to the Assistant Director.

The postholder will be primarily concerned with Residential and Day Care Services and to assist in the task of the Principal Assistant (Social Services) who is responsible for the day to day management of a total of 34 establishments providing residential and day care for children, elderly, physically handicapped, mentally handicapped and mentally ill clients. He/she will also be required to help the Assistant Director with day to day management, delivery and quality of services throughout the Division. The successful candidate will be professionally qualified and have managerial experience in Social Services.

Formal interviews will be held on 14 and 15 May 1985.

For informal discussion please ring Frank Boylan on Nottingham (0602) 82323 Ext. 3718.

Domiciliary Services Manager

(Newark Area Office)

Ref: JMC207/10

£10,404 — £11,025 p.a.

The post, which is available due to promotion, involves the management of a Domiciliary Services Team, providing a wide range of community based services to support people in their own homes (e.g. Meals, Home Help, Family Advice, Social Services Visits and Day Centre facilities, etc). The team works closely with social work teams in the Area and is responsible for the delivery of services to families, mentally handicapped and mentally ill people. The D.S.M. is also a member of the Area Management Team. The person appointed (male or female) will hold an appropriate qualification (e.g. S.S. C.I.S.W.) and will be able to demonstrate management skills in the recruitment and management of manual and non-manual staff, the allocation and monitoring of resources, and in developing workers' ability to assess client needs. The postholder will explore and implement different ways of meeting client need, to develop new services and adapt existing ones as essential. The area is a multi-racial area with a rising elderly population.

For informal discussion please contact Margaret Giddens, Area Director or Ann Martin, Domiciliary Services Manager on Nottingham (0602) 82321 Ext. 297 or 287 respectively.

Senior Social Worker

(Newark Area Office)

Ref: JMC207/10

£10,404 — £11,025 p.a.

A qualified Social Worker is required (male or female) with at least two years experience to lead a team of social workers in City Social Area which covers a range of settings from the inner city to outer areas (e.g. schools, day centres, residential care, etc). The postholder will lead a busy intake team, internal re-organisation will be taking place shortly which will result in different forms of team structures and service delivery.

Applicants wishing to have an informal discussion should ring Mr. G. S. Giddens, Area Director or Ann Martin, Senior Social Worker, Tel: Nottingham (0602) 216021.

Project Social Worker

(Specialist Fostering Unit)

Ref: JMC207/10

£12,500 — £13,125 p.a.

Four years ago we established a Specialist Fostering Unit to recruit, train and support two paid foster parents for difficult adolescents. We are now looking for a further Project Social Worker to assist in expanding this work. The post offers the opportunity to specialise in this challenging and stimulating area of family placement work to a suitably qualified person with experience in child care. The primary task of working with foster parents will include scope for the development of adult teaching and group work skills and the person appointed must be able to provide a high level of support and supervision for foster parents. For further information/informal discussion, contact Mr. G. S. Giddens, Area Director or Ann Martin, Senior Social Worker, Tel: Nottingham (0602) 817072.

Social Worker (University Hospital)

(Ref: JMC207/10)

£12,500 — £13,125 p.a.

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DIARY

EASTER has been a trying time for the Bishop of Hereford, the Right Rev John Eastaugh. He first realised that something was wrong when a newspaper rang him very late on Saturday night to ask him about his astonishing attack on some of our leading churchmen.

Dr Eastaugh was puzzled, since he could remember no such attack. The newspaperman obliged him by reading from the Mail on Sunday a lengthy report in which Dr Eastaugh's "blistering" comments on the Bishop of Durham were quoted. Dr Eastaugh was reported to have demanded Dr David Jenkins's forcible removal before progressing to a full-frontal blast at the Archbishop of York.

Dr Haggard, the article continued, was "too immature" to get rid of Durham. "He knows nothing of the Bishop of Durham," he said. "He is a theologian, not a philosopher; he is learned only in biology, not in theology. He ought never to have been put in the position of Archbishop of York."

And, just for good measure, Dr Eastaugh was quoted as ending up with a swipe at the Archbishop of Canterbury. "Poor old Bob Runcie," he lamented. "It's an impossible task to sort this out. He won't be able to do it."

Singing stuff. But, sadly for the story, the words of it came from Dr Eastaugh—or not this Dr Eastaugh. The helpless Mail on Sunday reporter, idly flicking through his Crookfords Directory, had happened upon a former Bishop of Peterborough, the Right Rev Cyril Eastaugh, now 87 and living in innocent retirement in the Hampshire village of Bordon. His wife was reluctant to disturb him yesterday.

"He's a bit deaf," she said. "He realised it was a newspaper at all."

The real Bishop of Hereford acted quickly to limit the damage, ringing the two archbishops to dissociate himself from the attack. He also rang the Mail on Sunday. "I didn't get a very useful reception," the reporter rang back and insisted he certainly had spoken to me and recognised my voice. But the member from Crookfords said he rang has been put for five years. Eventually the Archbishop of Canterbury's press secretary, John Miles, managed to persuade the paper to drop the report from its later editions—but too late, alas, for the Hereford and York editions.

Dr Eastaugh has left the matter in the hands of his learned friends.

THERE are still those who haven't yet twigged. Yesterday's Liberator, the leftist French daily, carried a somewhat schoolmarmish piece chiding the Guardian, after all its high moral posturings, for stooping to the level of the Times and the tabloids and starting its own bingo variant. *Pardon d'Arriv*, as the old French saying goes.

THE RECENT experiences of one or two members of the Shadow Cabinet have not been wasted. Prominent among the tips to Liberator candidates in the coming county council elections is the advice: Don't get pissed if you're going on telly. And this for the most pragmatic of reasons: "No matter how strong your head, your face will flush, and red faces do not inspire confidence among the electorate."

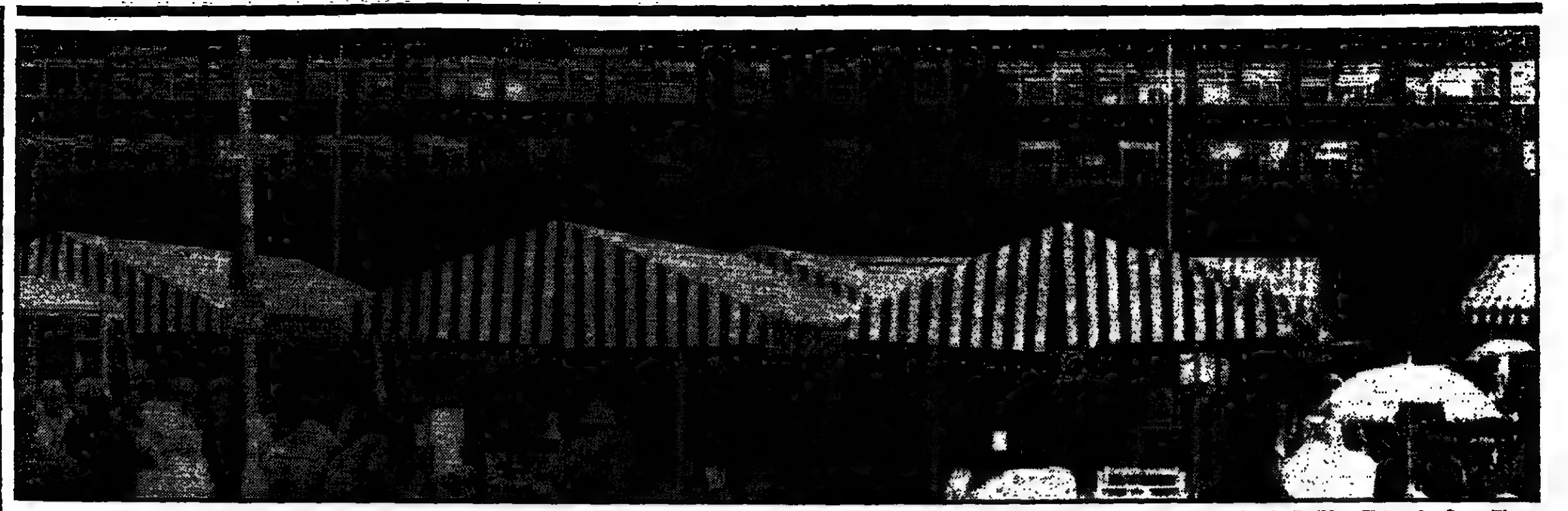
TAM DALYELL has tabled a question asking whether there is to be a leak inquiry into how Lord Blake came to claim in his history of the Conservative Party that the Cabinet was ready to lose up to 1,000 men in the Falklands campaign. Mr Jim Renison, Foreign Office Minister, has not denied the claim—simply refusing to comment "without accepting that (the claims) have any validity."

THE OFFICIAL Unionists cannot be terribly pleased by the reception that has greeted their local election posters showing Gerry Adams and Danny Morrison in front of a masked IRA man. The idea was that the Unionist Belfast Newsletter would print the picture, which could then be used as a pull-out poster.

Outraged friends has led the paper to refuse to print it. As the Unionists print their own 100,000 copies, they now hear that they are being snapped up by Sinn Féin and autographed by Messrs Adams and Morrison for fund-raising in the USA.

IT TRANSPIRES that the stout opposition to a ban on drink in football directors boxes voiced by Mr Bernard Williams ("Let's Get Things With") is not based on personal experience, since he is not a habitué of the Leeds United box. Another mole for the chop. Apologies.

Alan Rusbridger



The social success of the new towns was almost embarrassing: street market in Basildon. Picture by Garry Weaser

JOHN CUNNINGHAM, in the first of two articles, examines a stealthy privatisation

How the new towns will be a footnote in history

COMPARED with the future over the privatisation of the aerospace, oil, and telecommunications industries, the Government's disposal of the substantial national assets represented by the new towns is proceeding almost by stealth.

In the last five years alone, £1,500 million has been invested in new towns, and while the annual balance sheets of the corporations which run them are not as exciting as those of other state enterprises, they are the index of the social and industrial capital governments put up in a bid to relocate new lives in new economic landscapes.

But parallel with this going investment, the Tories, since 1979, have been encouraging the transfer of property in these communities: rented housing to local authorities, commercial and industrial buildings for open sale. Now the process is being speeded up. The end of the new towns era is signalled by a new Act, which allows for the winding up of the programme. Assets will be sold, corporations will end their work, buildings which have not been disposed of will be transferred to the Commission for the New Towns—a huge, centralised agency, charged with selling them on the property market.

Earlier this month, the development corporations, which have overlorded the dynamic expansion of Northampton, Redditch and Skelmersdale ceased to function. In June, Basildon and in December, Central Lancashire will come municipally of age, with local councils taking over all the functions of the corporations. However, the dignified celebrations which will accompany all of these events conceal the nature of what really is happening.

The Tories' philosophy sounds too straight to fault: it is simply that the Government wants to make the new towns as much like old towns as quickly as possible. The communities are part of that movement which started with garden cities, more than half a century ago. Their success—in planning and social terms at least—is almost an embarrassment to the British, who traditionally are immobile and hooked on historical architecture.

In terms of absorbing blobs of population, the 20 post-war towns work: the first batch designated in the four years to 1950 ringed London and mopped up the capital's overspill; a later batch eased the congestion of major provincial cities, while the latest set—meant to cope with projected increases in population. However, new towns perceived as instruments of regional economic strategy—that was how Peter Shore saw them in the last Labour Government—have a cloudy success story. And the present Government's hopes for them as cases of investment in the desert of the recession hardly are being fulfilled.

In fact, new towns have long been the darlings of central governments of both Left and Right: two million people live in them, in the last five years, 100,000 jobs have been created in the new towns, and 50,000 homes have been provided. Government ministers trumpet these achievements in the long passage of the New Towns Bill through the Commons recently; and pointed out that seven will keep their status for some time to come.

But the message clearly is that the slide is under the new towns. Not only will it make better ideological sense, under Mrs Thatcher and her ministers, for the private sector to control them, but Tories feel that resources now should be diverted to the refurbishment of inner cities. And there is a tendency to claim that these have fallen into desuetude because of the money spent on new towns.

Even Opposition members realised—as they said in the second reading debate in November—that the prevailing role of the development corporations is not meant to go on indefinitely. It is about housing spokesmen. Jeff Rooker is worried, though, about the speed and method of disengagement from the public sector. He fears that commercial and industrial assets are being sold off too quickly and cheaply; that there is not time for a proper return on public investment in the new towns; and that by selling huge chunks of property to one client, there is a danger of creating company towns.

For as well as the political altruism which new towns, at their best, represent, there is also the siren of investment, with an actual return on capital. The Town and Country Planning Association is a vigilante on the scene. Its director, David Hall, explains: "The assets should not be sold off to the private sector as part of a national policy without regard to the fundamental purpose for which each new town was built."

"The basic idea is that the enhanced values created by the development corporations on the community's behalf should be ploughed back. It was the initial investment of the taxpayer which set them off. Most of the first generation of new towns have paid off their debts, and are into profit."

While inflation and higher interest rates make it harder for later new towns to do the same, Hall maintains that "the really undermining feature of the sale process is that it removes the possibility of creating on-going revenue which can be ploughed back into the towns."

The possibility of profit is in at least one case closer than many critics would like to think. In Aycliffe and Peterlee, in the stricken Northeast, the corporation estimated two years ago that if it stopped all further building, it would be able to clear its accumulated debts in seven years. Of course, even as that calculation was made, several concurrent steps were being taken in these and all new towns: assets were gradually being sold off; deals were being done with local authorities over housing, and more building was going on. Aycliffe and Peterlee, with a deficit now of £70 million, currently has a development budget of £17.5 million—and has sold 20 per cent of its industrial premises to date.

But for all that the development corporations have been able to achieve, they have their critics who point out their lack of democracy; often they are in conflict with local authorities, and they sap local initiative by acting as an autonomous agency. They can take big decisions with a speed and finality which frightens councils. The managing director of Redditch DC, Norman More, is open about his disappointment that a deal to sell about 20 per cent of the town to Tarmac in one package did not go through. It might have been a tidy sale, but the Department of the Environment stepped in to discourage it.

And Redditch council was equally uneasy about another big bidder—an American property conglomerate. Council chairman Walter Stranz says: "We were a little frightened of their excessive benevolence. There wouldn't have been a role at all for the council."

The recession has knocked askew the founding principle of new towns—a home with a job. Increasingly, the corporations have become job chasers, competing aggressively with their neighbours. The tilt is not satisfactory. It is true that exactly 21 years ago, the decaying market town of Redditch was revived by an influx of Midlands overspill. But house building and job creation are no longer in tandem.

Walter Stranz says: "Increased unemployment is because private housing is not tied to local industry. Since 1979, sites earmarked for public housing have been sold to private developers. There is now quite widespread unemployment among home-owners."

And in spite of efforts to attract new firms, joblessness is higher in new towns than old industries—there are vacancies for toolmakers and capstan turners, while some recently-started firms are closing.

What new town communities fear, as their special status comes to an end, is that they will be ill-equipped to compete in the job market with every other bit of Britain. The specialist teams are being dismantled by the development corporations; advertising and marketing budgets are being wound up. The local councils which are these communities are setting up their own economic development committees. But they fear they won't have the clout of their predecessors.

The Government senses their unease and, in the case of the North-east, has made a concession, which fought a strong campaign to retain its development corporations, due to be terminated this year. A three-year extension has just been announced. That is particularly welcome in Aycliffe and Peterlee, with the prospect of a further decline in coal mining in the East-England area.

Aycliffe and Peterlee are delicate off-spring, and the corporation which ministers to them is, says Gary Philipson, virtually a job-getting agency anyway, having started to shed its training and social service functions seven years ago. But even the buoyant Mr Philipson is uncertain: "Getting jobs is one thing; keeping them is another." He has seen Aycliffe lose its development status, and the number of jobs fall from 11,000 to 8,500. Other new towns are already shivering in the recession.

Next: Punching holes in the Green Belt.

MICHAEL WHITE in Washington

Liberty and love of litigation

THE NEW YORK State court of appeal ruled recently that the birth of a normal healthy child, even an unwanted one, was not an injury for which the parents could obtain damages.

Still, it was worth a try for Susanne and Brian O'Toole, a poor amiable couple with an over-crowded flat who sued the doctor whose sterilisation operation on Mrs O'Toole resulted in baby number four. They wanted him to pay for the cost of raising Kelly Anne until she was grown up.

Courts in half a dozen other states have already made such awards, not just for handicapped children but normal ones, though they have cut the amount involved on the grounds that even unwanted kids provide some emotional satisfaction.

It sounds grotesque and it is. But Americans are encouraged to believe in life, liberty, and the pursuit of litigation, even from beyond the grave. Mrs Rose Cipollone of Little Ferry, New Jersey, died painfully of cancer last year, but the court action she and other terminally-ill patients started is still striking the fear of God into the big tobacco companies. She is suing them for encouraging her to start smoking their products back in 1942 and for neutralising the evidence of health risks ever since.

The Cipollone case may fall, as the last legal assault upon the tobacco barons did 15 years ago. Anti-smoking sentiment is more intense now, but the defence lawyers are reportedly optimistic that juries will balk at people who have smoked for 40 years turning round and blaming their cancers. Nor is the smoking cancer link proved beyond doubt, they will protest as usual.

Not that victory is always necessary to success in American courts. Merrell-Dow successfully defended their morning sickness drug, Bendectin, as safe—as Britain's Health Minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, has in the Commons. But after juries which had accepted their arguments still awarded huge sums to parents of deformed children, the company set up a \$120 million trust fund to head off the flood of further actions. Naturally some people said it wasn't enough and sued.

A similar \$200 million fund for the Vietnam veterans who were putative victims of the Agent Orange herbicide—where the causative link is also disputed—has led to the coining of the word "orange-claim" as in blackmail—or the "greenmail" practised on vulnerable companies by Wall Street raiders.

The phenomenon arises in part because of the tradition of lawyers getting paid by results: contingency fees whose roots—if not their current practice—are honourable. It used to be the only way poor people could take on, say, the railways who always had expensive lawyers—like young Abe Lincoln on his way from log cabin to White House.

It also arises because American law lacks the mystique of European systems, being as democratic and accessible as a supermarket. As Edmund Fawcett and Tony Thomas note in their excellent book, *America and The Americans* (Fontana, £2.50), the existence of 50 states with different laws encourages "judge shopping," not to mention a relative rather than absolute regard for law. In pursuit of one's Constitutional rights, violence is litigation pursued by other means.

And so, in the opposite direction, is legislation. With everyone suing everyone all the time, and keeping nearly half a million lawyers in work (there is one per 440 citizens, 1 per 10,000 in Japan), a natural defensiveness arises among those who might be sued. Doctors, manufacturers, and highway departments take precautions like defensive medicine or idiot-proof road signs.



John Francome rides his 100th winner of the season. Picture by George Selwyn

FRANK KEATING on the jockey who rode from Pony Club to Porsche

Francome, favourite who fell at the last

AT A race meeting it was difficult to keep your eyes off him and not look at the horses. John Francome has an aura about him in the paddock. It was underlined especially when you kept your eyes on him and his horse stood at a fence away in the country and watched him place himself to take it.

He did not have the whirling dervish Red Indian extra finish up the straight of, say, Jonjo O'Neill. But Francome was first more often than any other contemporary in the last decade.

He fell off yesterday and announced his retirement two days earlier than expected.

He always wore black, patent leather gloves, tight on the knuckle like a champion golfer's left hand, or a gunnman in a Western shoot-out. He pulled them on, knowing he was to do what a man had to do, but he winked if you caught his eye. All the others wear woolly beige suede mitts. Christmas-prossy things.

Whether it was a homely meeting in the warm and snugly South Downs at Plumpton, in the caddy West at Newton Abbot, or on the crisp county lawns at big-time Cheltenham, the champion would scurry from weighing room to paddock (and, muddled and often bloodied, back again 10 minutes later) with a sod and hail fellow to everyone, particularly to little grey men in little grey mackintoshes who, alas, he knew were more hung up on the sport of mugs than ever he was.

Since Francome's first winner at Worcester just before Christmas 1970—he has increasingly been clothed in the champion's silk. There was a swagger about that scurry from the first days. The brown curls twining and twisting around the back of his crash-hat helped. Somehow he always looked best in primary silks—emerald greens or scarlet reds.

Frankly, enough, there have not been many leading sportsmen to talk you through it afterwards in the buzzing burr of Wessex. Mike Channon, the footballer is one, and I must say it feels comfortable, not to say articulate for some reason.

Channon comes from the Amesbury end of the Salisbury Plain, and Francome from the other side. The Swindon builder's son first took to horses—a Thelwell thick-matted deer with the Pony Club on the short-cropped downsland that King Alfred picked fights, burned cakes, and rode a few whinnies.

The point with Francome, apparently, is how he balances a horse, he sees a stride without having to count the nag into the obstacle. He "places" the four legs at the fence rather than pushes them over.

He looks to train now. He has a handful of likely horses for next winter's National Hunt challenge and will be pruning that grin at the yearling sales in the autumn.

His old boss Winter told me last year how he kept insisting to John not to delay the moment. "Don't leave it for five minutes—no, not even two, for whatever anyone says you are forgotten in this game and forgotten very quickly. The old champion jockey Jack Dowdwell said that to me

many moons ago. 'Don't think about it for a month or two. Just get training as soon as you get out of the saddle'.

As jockeys, Winter and even Fitzmaurice were of the time when caps were doffed to the establishment. Francome speaks in public as dominantly and certainly as he rides. He has never been one to finger his forehead or ruffle his forelock to those that have apparently mastered over the centuries.

It has helped that you sense he prefers the sport of tennis—his last five holidays with his wife have been at Roger Taylor's tennis ranch in Spain—and he might yet not make a list of horse training.

"If I don't make a go of training, I'll get out immediately," he says definitely and you believe him. He says then he would like to try property development. That would be a great loss, although it might produce one or two boring old buildings; even another fish and chip shop would pay for the phlegm in his Porsche.



Peter Rodgers

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Danger man who yielded to temptation

John Hooper celebrates the national grid's 50th birthday

ON JANUARY 8 this year, the Central Electricity Generating Board announced that in the middle of a miners' strike, with most of the coal supply it depended on unavailable, the national grid had met the highest demand ever made on it. Before the strike was over it went on to break that record on three occasions.

It was a remarkable technical achievement. By playing a decisive part in defeating the miners the CEBG made itself into almost as much a hate object for the Left as it had become with the environmentalists because of its enthusiasm for nuclear power.

The doubt about nuclear energy centres on whether it is safe—not just on the drawing board but in the hands of fallible, fatigable, corner-cutting and occasionally rebellious mortals. Scientists will therefore see as confirmation of their doubts the fact that the national grid came into being because of an act of disobedience in defiance of the safety rules of the day.

The network of high-voltage lines originally entitled the national gridiron came into full commercial operation in 1935 but for almost three years it consisted of seven virtually independent regional systems, each capable of drawing power from its neighbour in an emergency but all strictly forbidden to link with one another as a unified system.

The fear, as the official history of the grid published yesterday records, was that unified operation would be too dangerous because of the risks of "hunting"—the large, uncontrollable load swings that might develop when hundreds of generating units were run in parallel.

But as an engineer quoted in the history said, "The temptation to find out what would happen if all seven areas were switched together was irresistible." It was possible from the south-eastern region's control room to see what was happening in other areas and give instructions for the connection of one area with another and it was from there on the night of 29th and 30th of October 1937 that an unnamed pioneer took a risk, which for all he knew, might have had disastrous consequences.

Quite unofficially the control engineer on shift issued the switching instructions: one by one the seven areas were all coupled—and it worked!

That it did work doubtless he regarded by those within the electricity supply industry as evidence that they understand the odds in such matters better than outsiders think. At all events, the gamble taken on that night was to provide Britain with the world's largest unified system of electricity generation and transmission—a remarkable fact in itself.

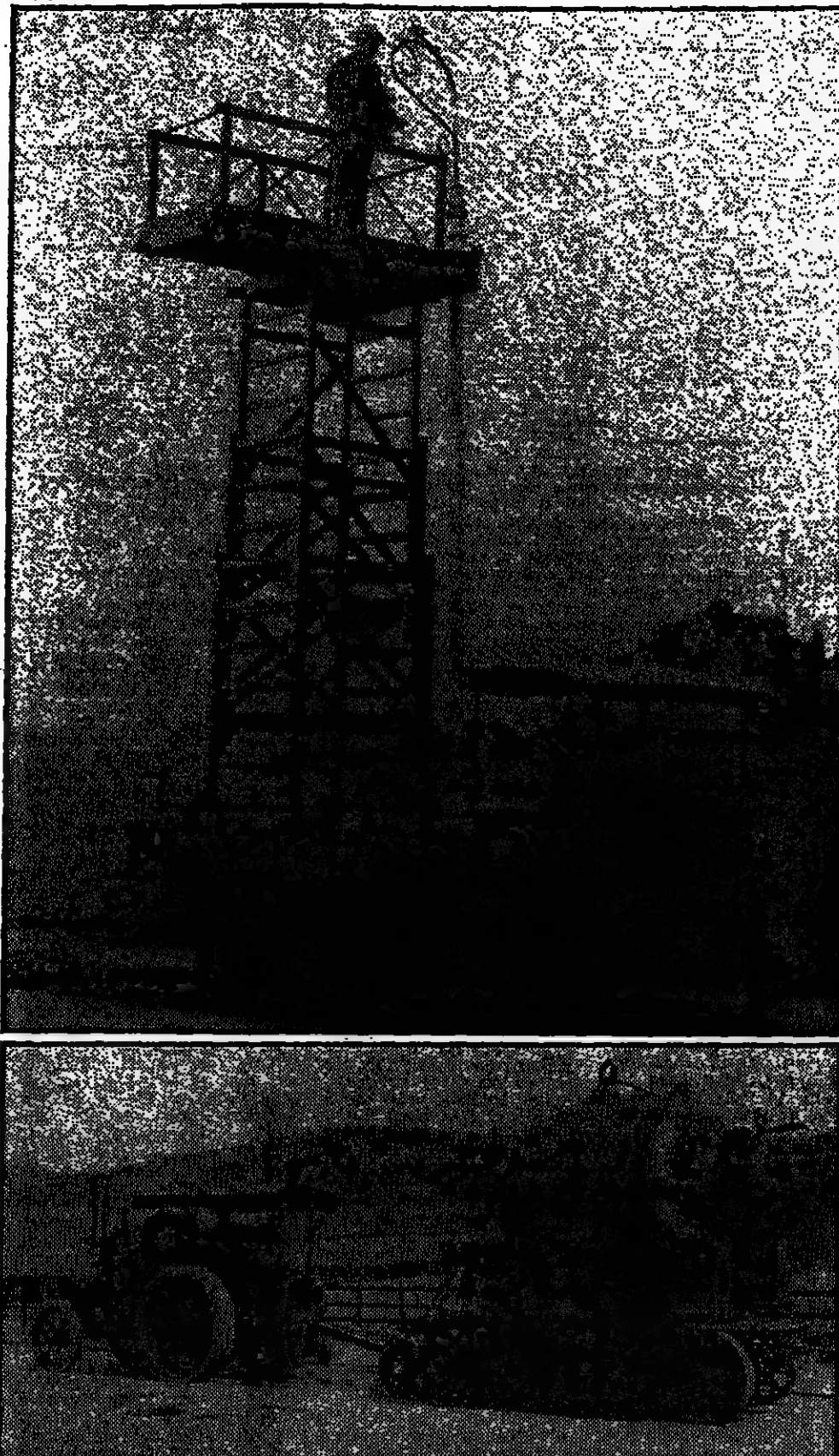
Unlike other energy sources, electricity cannot be stored: it has to be created at the time and in the quantity that it is needed. To do so, not just for one or several communities, but for a nation, is hard enough without the notorious unpredictability of our weather. Not only that, but the British are Europe's most avid watchers of the television and the end of a popular programme or a commercial break can cause a huge leap in the demand, equivalent to the output of three power stations of average size.

The grid has had failures. The most widespread were in 1934, when two units at Battersea and Deptford went out of service almost simultaneously leading to a chain of disconnections that affected almost a quarter of the population, and in 1968, when the January snow, on top of deposits of industrial dirt left by fog in December, broke a series of powerlines.

But the most famous was a minor black-out in west London on the eve of April 20 1964, the day the new BBC television channel was due to be started.

Britain has never had a total shutdown of the kind that has happened elsewhere. That is caused by cascading tripping—the failure of generating capacity causes overloading of transmission lines, thereby prompting further disconnections until the frequency drops to the point where it limits the capacity of a substation, emergency plant.

Moreover, as Sir Walter Marshall said yesterday, the grid is a major reason why, 50 years on, the cost of electricity has risen ninefold and the cost of living 21 and the cost of fuel 58. Another important reason has been the growth of demand during the same time, which has risen tenfold. To keep pace, it



An early electrically powered vehicle used for street lighting maintenance in Brighton, and (below) the steam end of a power station turbine generator on its way to Barton power station (Manchester) in the early 1930s

has been necessary to build no less than three grids.

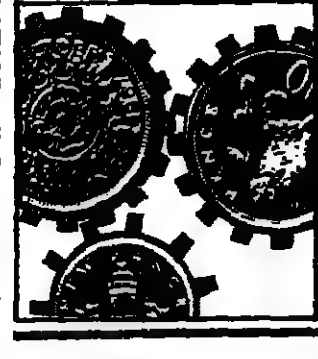
Today, using transmission lines of 1,325kV or below, was completed in 1932 and is now used for local supply. The second, 275kV, was built during the 1950s, a third, 400kV, network, partly consisting of existing, upgraded, 275kV lines, was built during the 1960s and 1970s.

Building these two post-war supergrids was a more difficult task not only because of their greater technical complexity but because of the existence by then of the town and country planning act. It is easy to forget in these days of Sizewell and Torness that the CEBG and its predecessors have been a body fight for environmentalists for many years.

As Sir Walter acknowledged yesterday, the long lines of pylons—some five

Supporting British jobs can pad foreign profits

David Metcalf wonders if it's time to cut the subsidies



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cause British car prices are held above those in many other European countries. This arrangement is buttressed by the restraint on imports of cars from Japan.

In the early 1980s the hidden subsidy to BL was of the same order of magnitude as the Exchequer subsidy (though it has been cut a bit in the mid-1980s), but it costs British consumers around five times the amount it benefits BL. As Brian Rindley of the Trade Policy Research Centre puts it, "foreign motor car manufacturers are systematically milking British citizens of large sums of money."

In 1980 BL got £346 million of Exchequer assistance and a concealed subsidy of £389 million. But the cost to the consumer of the concealed subsidy was £1,946 million. So the cost of this support came to £2.3 billion. If we assume that in 1980 direct subsidies protected 100,000 jobs, the cost per job supported comes out at £23,000, some three times greater than male pay in the car industry then.

It is often argued that many other jobs in the economy depend on the continued existence of BL. Some motor industry experts put the total number of jobs supported by the subsidy to BL at over half a million. If this is so, the money incurred to subsidise BL was much more cost effective, well under £5,000 per job.

Farm support costs are stratospheric. The first market Institute of Economic Affairs recently published a study by Richard Howarth which uses conservative assumptions to calculate the subsidies, yet implies that in the early 1980s every farmer received nearly £3 billion of the subsidy. If the subsidy costs are allocated across both farmers and farm workers the cost is over £8,500 for each of the 600,000 people in the industry.

In 1980 the total cost of agricultural support was £5 billion. One third of this came directly from the Exchequer and the remainder was because the variable levy and intervention buying system of the CAP artificially raised the price of food prices. British farming only got a little over £3 billion of the total subsidy cost of £5 billion. Mr Howarth shows that the other near £2 billion part of the subsidy "went into the pockets of European farmers, to storage agencies, to subsidise surplus disposals or was otherwise swallowed up by the CAP."

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The distribution argument can also be questioned. For example, the MFA has resulted in greater relative price increases for poorer quality clothing and textiles, which are bought mainly by people with low incomes.

The farm support system is doubly regressive. It taxes poorer households proportionately more than richer ones, and the money is used to give bigger handouts to richer farmers than poorer ones.

In their major study of farm incomes, John Bourvis and Paul Cheshire recently concluded that our farm subsidies are "quite literally producing millions from the public purse."

This leaves the employment argument. Presumably employment is higher in the supported industries than it otherwise would be—in most cases that is the purpose of the subsidy, and it may be quite sensible. For example, some loss-making pits where there are no alternative job opportunities might not be uneconomic while the labour is valued properly.

If the concealed subsidies paid by consumers to sectors like textiles, cars and farming were stopped, the increase in consumers purchasing power would be trebling the public income experienced in those sectors, because so much of the subsidy costs currently end up in foreigners' pockets. It seems quite possible that axing such subsidies would increase aggregate employment.

The open Exchequer subsidy is more difficult: it all depends what the money is spent on. Income tax cuts are not a cost effective way of creating jobs. We would, for example, end up with less total employment if money used to support loss-making pits was used instead for tax cuts. But if some of the existing Exchequer subsidies were used for public spending total employment would probably rise. Current public spending on nursery school teachers, nurses, staff for old people's homes, the Community Programme and the Youth Training Scheme is a cost-effective way of getting more employment.

Even if the Government is not prepared to relax its fiscal and monetary policy, it is still within its power to increase the total number of jobs by putting a spotlight on all the concealed and open subsidies that presently substitute for a proper industrial policy.

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What is the rationale for providing such assistance? There are at least three possibilities.

The Thatcher years of wasted brain power

In Singapore the Prime Minister saw, the Nation X vision working. Peter Large reports

MRS THATCHER'S sap through the Far East has only one of the new world's power centres—Singapore—but that stopover raises the faint hope that her Victorian vision of British education may at least be denied.

The new economic powers of South-East Asia are overtaking us by seizing the post-industrial message that industrial wealth will increasingly be created through the work of fewer but much more highly skilled people.

Today, 36 per cent of Japanese school-leavers go to university, and the figures are rising. In Taiwan, the percentage is 20 per cent. And Singapore, where there was no higher education to speak of 20 years ago, is now ranking past Britain with 10 per cent—and using British educational experience to do so.

Meanwhile, our own output of graduates with the skills of information technology continues to decline. It's not because of lack of candidates. (In 1983, at least 10 universities had to turn away nine out of 10 of the qualified applicants for their computer science courses.) It's because of lack of investment, spreading back through all the Thatcher years, even before her university cuts, and reaching into the Labour days of the 70s as well. It's astonishing that ministers are able to get away today with their talk of tackling "skills shortages" when the evidence was before them years ago.

Here is just one example. Early in 1980, the National Economic Development Office warned the Government that Britain was short of at least 25,000 computer specialists. It said that even if that problem was solved the nation would still need 500 new computer programmers every month till 1986. And it said the problem could be over by 1985, if tackled at once.

But the essential point about the huge investments in higher education in Japan, Singapore, South Korea, and the rest is that they are aimed not merely at meeting the narrow, cannon-fodder demands for particular (and perhaps short-lived) technical skills; they seek to produce multi-disciplinary graduates, ready to handle the kaleidoscopic shifts of information-based economies.

Meanwhile, the only education...

tion area in which the Thatcher Government is putting extra money by the hundreds of millions a year into its low-level "vocational" staff—mainly serving the needs of the past and trying to appease the squeals of outdated industrial bosses whose job in the winner nations is to provide such training themselves.

In fact, the bulk of our panic training efforts are going into areas of slave-nation economics which our new rivals were interested in long ago and are now concentrating on getting out of. That is the second-level tragedy of our needless mass unemployment.

Two years ago the Guardian published a summary of the strategy of a mythical Nation X, a world winner of 1990 or thereabouts. It was all rich pie in the sky, but I have found no one then or since who has been able to logically challenge the logic: that if any nation could so restructure itself, defeating its chasing vested interests, then, on present projections, that nation would be a winner.

Since then the signs have become stronger that nations like Singapore are aiming X-

wards. Since then, too, the signs have grown that the Thatcher Government believes we'll never make it and had better prepare to die in the dirty work for the winners. So here again are the essentials:

Nation X will waste no one's talents in repetitive factory or office work, unless one classifies members of its many small workshop partnerships as factory workers. Nation X will also need fewer people in the other areas of today's mass employment, like banks and insurance companies and government offices. The term "clerk" will be relevant only to the social historians.

Offices—if there are any—will be people only by the decision-makers and their immediate assistants. If employment, as we now understand it, is then likely to be on the basis of shared jobs, something like a 24-hour week and three months' holiday a year, but, of course, no provision in law comes about today's levels.

The assumption must be that Nation X has a long-term well-defined industrial strategy which has the backing of the bulk of its citizens.

Now relate that dreaming to the historical inheritance of Britain. Has it hit you? The winners of South-East Asia are winning with their hands tied behind their backs. We have it all—a young generation that understands the computer practicalities of information theory beyond the level of any other nation's; more home computers than any one else; a high standing in financial services, technical consultancy, publishing, film, television, libraries—and an inventiveness still unsurpassed.

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zen. Nation X's version of 10-10 politics focuses on that only in debate about the details of cutting the cake, not how the cake is made. In fact, Nation X will have no political ideologies as we now understand them, because it will have proved the post-industrial theory that capitalism and Marxism lose their meaning when the needs for labour and capital both shrink to the minimum. The people of Nation X spring from job to enterprise to leisure to job because the treadmill is secure. They don't care a jot about job creation.

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Brazil fights corruption

AS PRESIDENT Tancred's alleged drag on, bringing parts of Brazil's state machinery to a halt, his closest cabinet colleagues have launched a campaign against corruption which is helping to distract public opinion.

The new Finance Minister, Francisco Dornelles, who is Tancred's nephew, has asked the attorney general to start criminal proceedings against three distinguished entrepreneurs, all directors of Brasinvest, the bank that went broke last month and was liquidated by the central bank.

A central bank preliminary investigation uncovered irregular transfers of money to companies recently created by its main shareholder, Mario Garnero, totalling \$7 million, most of it lent by foreign banks. The report signed by the new central bank chairman, Carlos Lemgruber, also accuses the group of tax evasion amounting to about half a million dollars.

Mario Garnero, the 47-year-old businessman who set up Brasinvest in 1977 to be Brazil's first "Banque d'Affaires", had all his assets frozen and cannot leave the country without a central bank permit, pending the outcome of the criminal proceedings.

It is estimated that during the last two years alone, about \$15 billion was lost through the fraudulent bankruptcies of half a dozen financial groups that diverted money received from the central bank to keep them afloat. This is the equivalent of about 7 per cent of Brazil's \$105 billion debt.

Two former directors of the central bank are being prosecuted for allegedly failing to carry out their duties by injecting money when they should not have done so into ailing companies.

The former central bank chairman, Carlos Langoni, a distinguished economist with several books published, is to be interrogated by a federal judge in connection with the injection of about \$7 million into the Coraco-Brasil group on the eve of its collapse.

A rescue is being mounted for Sul-Brasileiro bank in Rio Grande do Sul, following an even bigger financial scandal, which has led the attorney-general's office to start proceedings, against the directors.

The equivalent of over \$300 million is needed just to keep the Sul-Brasileiro afloat. If this money is given without a deep commitment by congress, which means a deep discussion of the affair, the entire campaign against corruption in government will be seen largely as mere victimisation of the losers by the winners.

Bernardo Kucinski

DEMOCRATIC AND POPULAR REPUBLIC OF ALGERIA

MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

NATIONAL OIL WELL COMPANY (ENTREPRISE NATIONALE DES TRAVAUX AUX Puits)

INTERNATIONAL CALL TO TENDER

NUMBER 1144/1J/MEC

The National Oil Well Company is launching a national and international call to tender open to all competitors for the provision of:

LOT NO. 1 SPARE PARTS FOR DEUTZ ENGINES—B.A. 6M/816

LOT NO. 2 SPARE PARTS FOR DEUTZ ENGINES—B.A. 12M/816

Those tenderers who are interested by this invitation to tender may obtain specifications on payment of the sum of 400 Algerian dinars, from the following address:

Entreprise Nationale Des Travaux Aux Puits - 16, Route de Meftah - Oued - Smar - El Harrach - Alger - Algeria - Direction Des Approvisionnements - as from the publication of this notice.

Tenders drawn up in five (5) copies must be sent in a double sealed and registered packet to the Secretariat of the Direction Approvisionnement to the address mentioned above. The outer envelope must be anonymous, with no marking except the following endorsement:

Appel a La Concurrence International Numero 1144/1J -
Confidentiel - a ne pas ouvrir.

The tenders must arrive within 45 days of the first publication of this notice.

The option period shall be 180 days as from the closing date of the open invitation to tender.

Stable Greenbank

Hail to the chef

The United States branch made a small profit and there is to be further expansion on a larger site in Orlando where the present Shakespeare theatre restaurant is situated. A new entertainment complex is planned to open in November, with President operating a restaurant capacity for 800 diners. It aims for 2,000, equal to the present London seating. At home, the Talk of London, in Drury Lane, is becoming a draw for American tourists as well as night club visitors, while the Shakespeare at Blackfriars is being recon-

Petrolex appeal

He also announced that Petrolco had just received news of a oil discovery in Texas. Petrolco owns a 47.5% interest in the largest oil well which is producing at the rate of 50 barrels a day, selling at \$27.75 per barrel. This is the eighth announcement of importance made by Petrolco this year alone — in the last three months we have now announced three farm-in, two oil discoveries, two appraisals and a new award," said Mr. Landers.

"All this shows how short sighted it would be for shareholders to accept the Clyde

Alpine sailing

The arrangement is on a six month's trial basis, but will be extended, if successful to some of Nationwide's other retail outlets which mainly operate under the Camping International sign.

The two companies believe that their range is complementary and the move will meet customers' demand for a wider choice of specialist sports and leisure equipment.

Popular issue

The offer for sale on the United Securities Market of 1.7 million shares of Wayne Corp., the electronic test gear manufacturer, was heavily oversubscribed and applicants for under 5,000 shares will only receive an allotment if they were successful in a ballot. The offer price was \$300, valuing the company at \$13.5 million.

Altogether, just under 6,900 applications were received for 12.3 times the number of shares on offer. Waited lists for 200 to 500 shares from applicants for up to 1,000 shares, for 300 for subscriptions to 500 shares, and 400 for successful applications up to

SCOTTISH and Newcastle Breweries returned to the stock market yesterday to top a day's stoncholding in which **Brown**, the Black-burn-based breacing company for which they are making a bitterly contested £100 million takeover bid. Yesterday's purchases are thought to have added 1.5 p to **N** and 1.5 p to **S**, holding from around 18.5 p to over 14 p each. If the holding goes above the 15 p cent mark **S** and **N** will have to make available a full cash alternative to the 15 p share offer. They have paid in the market 15 p current; prices there share and cash terms raise each. **Matthew Brown** share at 44.5p. On the stock market **Matthew Brown** share fell

In short...

HELENE of London, the fashion-wear supplier, is experiencing buoyant trading conditions and with the help of the ERM acquisition turnover rose by 10% over a third last year. Profitability widened in the second half despite the lower pound. On sales of £22 million against £16.2 million, pre-tax profit rose to £1.4 million from £998,000. The dividend remains at 1.48p net a share including the 1.11p final payment on the capital increased by the

HOLDERS of 557.3 million of SOCO's convertible loan stock 8001/08 (70 per cent of the total issue) have, during March, Converted this into ordinary shares in the first year in which holders could opt to convert. The decision will result in the issue to them of 22.4 million ordinary shares.

Prices drift down in slow start to new year

Stock markets resumed very quietly after the holiday week-end. For equities, it was the start of the final lap of a unpopular three-week account—a time not normally remembered for investment enterprise. Also, the new financial year was getting underway, and early deals often took the form of small sell-offs in an attempt to establish profits for the 1985-6 tax year.

the bottom once the light offerings abated, but there was little substance to the market and it soon relapsed into a gentle downdrift which continued through to the close. Few features emerged. Top-name industrials finally registered losses that ranged between 1 and 10p. ICI, still unsettled by the decline in the value of the US dollar, lost 10p at 757p.

more miserable than me reacting to profits downgradings by a number of brokers recently. Rascal, for example, fell 6p to 192p. Gilt, however, had a rather better day. They took their cue from a firmer pound and went on score gains to 1 at the long end of the list. Poor money supply indications today appear to have already been

Burnett & Hallamshire stood out as the major feature of the day. The shares, already heavily depressed, plummeted from 67p to 35p. This follows a newspaper report highlighting the problems associated with loans made to finance property transactions in California, and suggesting that the receiver could be called in to talk with the company's bankers break down.

On a brighter note, weekend press tips produced a number of firm spots. J. Jarvis took the honours on this score, gaining 32p to 303p. Banks were in retreat after a cheerless annual statement by the chairman of National Westminster. NatWest dipped 8p to 594p. Barclays fell 1p to 334p, while selling of rights pulled the new share back 14p to 181p. A lower d

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Leaders to fall 3p to 5p i
cluded Boreham 361p, GH
232p, Hansen Trust 203p ar
Lucas 269p. Vickers resist
the trend at 259p, up 4p, b
Grand Met at 290p gave ba
As of last week's rise, a
Blue Circle lost a similar
amount to 450p on further c
sideration of the US acqui
tion. The results are due
next 21.

McCarthy and Stone has
ened 5p to 215p after pre
comment and British Dredgi
added a penny to 78p in fro
of today's results. Prestw
Holdings attracted speculatio
support at 130p, up 17p, b
Bullough were sold down
258p, a net fall of 5p. The c

exhaust plans helped Johnson Matthey to a 4p rise at 70p. First Castle were also wanted at 120p, up 4p. Company share-buying plans stimulated Friedland Deggart at 188p, up 12p. Press comment prompted gains of 2p to 8p in Mt Charlotte at 88p. E. Upton 38p and Gratian 192p. Dixons Group eased 5p to 647p on management reorganisation.

Textiles had two doll spots in Lincroft Kilgus at 180p and 185p. Borden and Borden 368p, down 8p and 22p. Common Bors attracted speculative interest at 86p, up 8p, but profit-taking clipped 5p from O.T.T. at 185p. Pentland, reporting next Monday, added 25p to 350p. London, London Continental, and others to 154p in response to almost trebled profits. Among insurances, Pearlborough slipped 15p to 1133p ahead of today's results. Bonstead jumped 5p to 85p ahead of figures later this month, but less and rubber declined. The Jerns-Jerns Group continued to reflect satisfaction with recent results, up 20p to 205p.

A newsletter tip lifted Hunterprint to 285p. In the ensuing 45 min, 34 were bought and 14 sold. The bid ending at 81p on news of a possible rival to the rejected Clyde bids. Helene hardened a penny.

ICI has put up a "for sale" sign at the New Jersey-based company, Dr-Print Foods, one of the 10 businesses acquired earlier this year as part of the \$750 million takeover of Beatrice Chemical. Dr-Print is a profitable operation with a 10% market share in the U.S. but ICI says its activities do not fit in the group's polystyrene film strategy. The company produces hot stamping transfer inks. A group spokesman declined to say how much ICI hoped to raise from the sell-off but stressed that it was not planning any further divestments of the Beatrice Chemical business.

to 27 1/2p after a 40 per cent earnings expansion. Times View, near a "shell" situation, rose 2p more to 56p. R.N. Lower were another firm spot, up 7p to 25p, but cautious comment left Martin Ford 5p lower at

Profit-taking knocked S from East Midland at 12 1/2. Weekend comment supported Church and Co at 82 1/2 and Treacherwood 180 1/2. up 15 1/2 and 8 1/2.

Main Changes: Burnett and M 35p down 3 1/2; J. Jarvis 30 1/2 down 2 1/2; Racial 192 1/2 down 6 1/2; ICI 75 1/2 down 1 1/2.

COMMODITIES

Barclays 334p down 15p; New
181p down 13p; NatWest 344p
down 5p; Petrolex 51p up 4p;
London and Continental 154p
up 6p.
Equity turnover for Thurs-
day, April 4: Bargains, 29,637;
value, £185,667 million.

Tokyo: Stocks were mixed in morning declines, were trimmed in late afternoon trading. Because of the late hour, stocks did not have as many gains as earlier in the day. Overall, investors did not have much interest in the market. Nikkei Dow Jones index: 12,630.43 (12,534.96)

Hong Kong: Share prices finished mixed in the trading. The market was down 3.49 points in the afternoon but rebounded after the close, in part on overseas buying. Brokers said buyers outnumbered sellers during the afternoon. Hang Seng index: 1480.22 (1471.25)

Frankfurt mixed in bland trading. The Commerzbank index edged up 0.6 points to 1,879.5, while the DAX rose 0.5 to 1,824.5. U.S. below Thursday's close, ending at 11,923.5. Germany's level, closing at 11,923.5. Brokers said trading was basically directionless throughout most of the session. The day's only salient feature was a mild wave of foreign buying near the close which boosted equities to slight gains. Another market sector, banking, moved to slightly lower and dealers said the underlying market tone was firm.

Paris: French shares closed

mixed to higher in indecisive trading. Brokers said the market got a mild upward boost from the recent decline of the short-term French interest rates. The boost was partially offset by a light bout of profit-taking late in the session, however. The general market indicators finished the day with a gain of 0.17 per cent, advancing to 13,480.50 from 13,463.00. Money markets: Day-to-day money opened on 13.34-13.35 per cent, then eased to 13.24-13.25 per cent, and closed at 13.14-13.15 per cent, before mid-afternoon trading when it opened out to 13.14-13.15 per cent. The London period was spent mainly at 13.14-13.15 per cent. Mid-afternoon trading was ashore in at 13.11-13.12 per cent, and there was a drop to 13.08 per cent within minutes of the close before a final 10 per cent.

FT Ordinary Share Index: down 8.6 at 555.9. FT-SE 100 Index down 8.3 at 1270.2. Pound: \$1.9882; DM 3.78; Fr 11.36. Gold: \$523. Account March 25 to April 12. FT All Share Index down 3.37 at 612.14. Sterling Index 76.5 (1975=100). RPI 362.7 (February) up 5.4 per cent on year.

COMMODITIES

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THE STOCK EXCHANGE

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Senior Social Worker
Lewisham Hospital, SE13
£11,817-£12,863 inc
Ref SS 274(7)

Are you interested in the opportunity to combine practice at a senior level with the development of supervisory skills and management responsibility?

We are looking for an innovative and creative qualified social worker, with at least two years post-qualification experience, to share leadership of a team which provides a social work service to acute medicine, paediatrics (including child abuse work), haematology (including haemophilia), orthopaedics, and for patients who have attempted suicide. The team is one of two in this small friendly department of a rapidly developing district hospital, and comprises another senior, who is part-time, 4 social workers, a social workers officer and a team secretary. There are excellent working relationships with other disciplines, and the emphasis in the hospital is on a team approach to the care of patients.

The department is developing a range of intervention methods, which include group work and crisis work, in response to the widely differing needs of our many client groups, and we are establishing close links with community services so that we can jointly offer a flexible and appropriate service.

If you have a commitment to high standards of practice, professional confidence and autonomy, we can offer a varied and stimulating case load, the opportunity to extend your existing skills and to develop new ones. We give high priority to regular supervision, and to in-service training in order to promote professional development. Excellent administrative and secretarial support is provided. For informal discussion please contact Veronika Simons, Team Leader, on 01-850 4311 ext. 228.

Qualified Social Worker
Intake Team, Central District, SE6
£9,105-£11,817 inc
Ref SS213

We are an intake team covering all new referrals in a busy district office in the heart of Catford. There is a strong commitment to short term work ranging from welfare rights advice to crisis intervention with families and the mentally ill.

We can offer you a stimulating, supportive environment and good supervision.

Lewisham is a multi-racial community and all staff are expected to promote the Council's equal opportunities policies. Applicants from black social workers and job sharers are particularly welcomed as well as from anyone seeking full-time employment. A leaflet explaining job sharing will be sent with application form.

For further information please contact Diane Rolison, Team Leader, or Ken Terry, Area Team Co-ordinator, on 01-850 5121 ext 231 or 211.

Application form, returnable by 26th April 1985, and detailed job description, from Chief Personnel Officer, Riverside Offices, 58 Moleworth Street, Lewisham SE13 7BU, or telephone 01-818 9287, (24-hour answering service) quoting appropriate reference and the job title.

LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM
Our jobs are open equally to all races and both sexes.

THE OUTWARD BOUND TRUST
DIRECTOR (Designate) OF CITY CHALLENGE

Applications are invited for this post which carries national responsibility for setting up and running personal development courses based on community projects in major city locations.

The Director will also be a member of the Senior Management Team of Outward Bound and be expected to contribute to the development of the work of the Trust.

Experience and skills in working with groups of people and good administrative capability are necessary.

Initial salary £9,000 p.a. (under review). It is hoped to make an appointment with effect from 1st September, 1985 to work with the present Director until May 1986.

Further details from: Mr. Ian Fothergill, Executive Director, Outward Bound Trust, c/o City Challenge, Canal House, Draper's Field, Coventry CV1 4LG. Telephone: (0203) 25284.

Closing date for applications: 26th April, 1985.

CAFOD
On the side of people in need

Catholic Fund for Overseas Development (CAFOD) seeks Catholic man or woman at its headquarters in Brixton as

HEAD OF APPEALS AND PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

with responsibility for the general organisation of fundraising activities and for the promotion of CAFOD's name and work.

Candidates should show a capacity to work imaginatively, have experience of fundraising, publicity and communications work, a proven ability to work in the Catholic community and an interest in overseas development.

For full details write to The Secretary to the Director, CAFOD, 2 Garden Close, Stockwell Road, London SW9 9TY.

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM TRAINING SERVICES
ADMINISTRATIVE AND TRAINING OFFICER

to assist the Executive Director H.F.T.S. in main aspects of the work of this Adult and Youth Training Agency. Good qualifications and experience in both administration and education/training.

Salary £11,000 per year (under review). Applications returnable within 3 weeks of this publication.

Application details and further information available from: Executive Director, H.F.T.S., P.O. Box 507, Town Hall Extension, King Street, London W6 9JU. Telephone 01-748 3352.

AFRICAN FAMILY ADVISORY SERVICE
(Formerly "Overseas Children Project")
PROJECT LEADER
(Grade/Scale: 6/501)
Salary £8,522-£10,107 plus £1,248 L.W.

Operating from our new offices in Shepherd's Bush, AFAS provides an advisory and support service for African families experiencing difficulties with children and is especially concerned with the issue of public housing. AFAS is presently seeking to develop its role as a provider of training and consultancy services to Social Services and health authorities. The Project Leader takes overall responsibility for the management and development of the AFAS staff and work programme.

We are seeking a team leader with relevant experience in this field, who is able to continue or further managerial abilities and will almost certainly hold a relevant professional qualification. If you can respond to the challenge presented here please contact Mike Bernstein on 01-743 2017 for an informal discussion or write for application form and job description, enclosing S.A.S., to: Maurice Muddall, Personnel Officer, Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 8RD.

PLAYTRAC PROJECT
PROJECT LEADER
(Senior Play/Laure Consultant) N/C SO1
£9,477-£10,107 + £192 Outer Fringe Allowance
ASSISTANT PROJECT LEADER
(Play/Laure Consultant) Scale 6
£8,532-£9,114 + £192 Outer Fringe Allowance

SCF in conjunction with the North West Thames Regional Health Authority is launching the Playtrac Project which will be based near St Albans and will operate within the North West Thames Health Region. Two enthusiastic and creative people are needed to set up and run this mobile resource unit taking demonstration play equipment and ideas to those working with children/adults in the community and mental handicap hospitals.

In you have experience in play/leisure methods for the mentally and physically handicapped, the ability to organise programmes of study and workshops for a variety of professional and non-professional workers and hold a clean driving licence please contact: Maurice Muddall, Personnel Officer, Save the Children Fund, 17 Grove Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 8RD. Tel: 01-765 9400.

Closing date for applications is 26th April, 1985.

Save the Children

NORTHERN IRELAND HOUSING EXECUTIVE
The Northern Ireland Housing Executive is the largest Housing Authority in the United Kingdom and provides a comprehensive service through a central and regional structure to both the Public and Private Sectors. In its attempt to improve housing and social conditions within the Province it provides a wide range of services.

The Executive provides equality of opportunity and welcomes applications from male and female candidates for the following post:

BELFAST REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS
Ref. no. 33/825
Salary: £12,243/£13,326 per annum
Location: Housing Centre

DUTIES:
The successful candidate will be responsible to the Group Leaders, Landscape Architects, and Planning and Services to the community. The Executive Team serves a population who have a number of diverse needs, and the team are already involved, together with other voluntary and statutory agencies, in establishing projects to meet these needs.

The person appointed will be required to assist the Team with the further development of self-help groups, the setting up of community projects, identifying community resources and furthering liaison with other voluntary and statutory bodies. As the Area includes a high proportion of ethnic minority groups, the team is also attempting to provide services to meet the needs of a multi-ethnic community. Applicants should therefore not only have had considerable experience in working with a wide range of community groups, but also have demonstrated the ability of developing services for a multi-ethnic community.

Informal enquiries to: John Kemmel, Assistant Area Controller or Roger Wearing, Area Controller. Telephone: 01-774 7070.

Application forms available from the Director of Social Services, 50 The Grove, Stranmillis, London E15 1ER or telephone (01) 515 2895 (24 hour answering service).

Closing date: 18 April, 1985.

Housing Executive

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Area III
Project Co-ordinator
(for Greengate Patch Team)
(Qualified Social Worker or Community Worker)
Salary Range: £8,661-£11,373 p.a. inc.

This is a new post which has been created to improve our services to the community. The Greengate Patch Team serves a population who have a number of diverse needs, and the team are already involved, together with other voluntary and statutory agencies, in establishing projects to meet these needs.

The person appointed will be required to assist the Team with the further development of self-help groups, the setting up of community projects, identifying community resources and furthering liaison with other voluntary and statutory bodies. As the Area includes a high proportion of ethnic minority groups, the team is also attempting to provide services to meet the needs of a multi-ethnic community. Applicants should therefore not only have had considerable experience in working with a wide range of community groups, but also have demonstrated the ability of developing services for a multi-ethnic community.

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Closing date: 18 April, 1985.

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

THE SALFORD/TRAFORD GROUNDWORK TRUST LTD.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
£12,961 to £14,358 p.a. negotiable

If you have:

- experience of developing and/or leading a complex organisation;
- a real interest in the environment;
- practical in persuading people from all walks of life to contribute to something worthwhile;

then you may be the **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** of the Salford/Traford Groundwork Trust Ltd., is looking for

The Board of the Trust is made up of representatives from voluntary organisations, local industry and commerce, the local authorities and public agencies. This new partnership initiative and co-ordinates a programme of action for the urban fringe areas where priority is being given to the allocation of public resources. The Trust also seeks to harness the energies of local voluntary groups and to obtain sponsorship arrangements of the Trust in accordance with the current funding arrangements of the Trust. The appointment will be for a fixed term contract of 18 months. However, negotiations are already underway to extend the Trust funding for a further period.

For further details please write to: The Secretary, The Salford/Traford Groundwork Trust Ltd., Civic Centre, Garsfield Road, Salford, Manchester, M27 2AD. Tel: 061-783 3550.

Closing date for applications: 26th April, 1985.

TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT
COMMITTEE CLERKS - PLUS !!
SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR
SO1, up to £11,355 (Ref G1/5351)
ASSISTANT COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR
Scale 5 or 6, up to £9,510 or £10,352 (Ref G1/5352)

Competent, confident and keen? You could be one of the people we're looking for to fill these vacancies in our Committee Division.

There are no easy jobs! Southwark has all the problems of an inner city area and not enough resources to tackle them. Our Members attach crucial importance to providing decent services to the people of the Borough and as a result considerable demands are placed upon those they employ to provide these services - we can promise you lots of work and plenty of pressure!

The Senior Assistant will be one of a team of three servicing the Housing Committee. As well as helping the Housing Committee Administrator, you'll service, among other things, the Housing Management Sub-Committee and we're looking for someone with sound experience in committee work and the ability to work without constant supervision.

The Assistant candidate for the Assistant Committee Administrator post will probably have some committee administration experience and we'll be looking for you to show the potential to take on greater responsibility before too long.

For both posts, we're seeking people with an awareness of the problems facing this Borough and the enthusiasm and determination to get our part of the job done. We're not mere push-over - you'll need to be flexible, resourceful and energetic, and if you've got a sense of humour, it'll help! Our standards are high, but so are the rewards and if you think you've got something to offer us, we'd like to hear from you.

Previous applicants will automatically be reconsidered. (Salaries are inclusive of £1248 London weighting).

Southwark is an equal opportunity employer. Applications are welcome from candidates regardless of sex or ethnic origin and from registered disabled persons.

Telephone 01-761 2870 (24-hour answering service) any time for an application form, or write, on a postcard, to: The Personnel Officer, London Borough of Southwark, 25 Commercial Way, London, SE15 6DG.

Please quote appropriate reference number and job title. Last date for receipt of completed application forms for both posts: 1.5.85.

Southwark
a London borough

WEST YORKSHIRE Metropolitan Council
EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES: TRAINING
£8532 - £11025

A training officer is required to provide training for County Council employees to support the Council's Equal Opportunities Policy.

The successful candidate will assist with the design and development of training courses, teach and supervise students and use a range of training techniques, and be able to prepare documents to reinforce learning.

Candidates should have a degree and/or teaching or some other professional qualification. Ideally, candidates should be acceptable to the Local Government Training Board for registration as a Training Officer.

Post ref: WY94201/01

Application forms and further particulars are available from, and should be returned to, The Director of Manpower Services at the address below:

ASSISTANT PLANNERS/PLANNERS (2 POSTS)
£8555 - £11025
Transportation Policies

To provide assistance with the development, interpretation, monitoring and review of transportation policies in the Strategic Plan.

Duties include the input to Local Plans, the TTP, and PTPs, Annual Plan and Optimisation Schemes, the evaluation of major highway or public transport projects and work on accessibility.

Candidates should be graduates in Planning or an associated field, with some experience in transportation planning or research.

Post ref: PL22210/01

To provide assistance on the Small Firms Development Fund, the implementation of the County Council's policy of support for common ownership, and co-ordination of the economic aspects of the Authority's involvement in town City schemes and programmes.

Duties include the preparation of Materials of the Advisory and Member Panels on the Implementation of the County Council's grants to create jobs in Small Firms, and help with enquiries for assistance from the Fund and progress reported as required.

Applicants should be graduates in Planning or Economics, or have related skills in economic analysis and research.

Post ref: PL22210/01

Southwark is based at 101 Hill House, Wakefield. Wakefield is close to the M1 and M62 and within easy reach of National Parks and East Coast resorts. This is an area of reasonably good housing and we will provide excellent facilities with relocation expenses (including full subsistence of legal fees, stamp duty and removal costs, plus allowances to cover other expenses) in appropriate cases.

Application forms are available from the Personnel Officer, The Director of Manpower Services, 52 John's Road, Wakefield WF1 3JA (tel Wakefield 567111 ext. 2949).

Please quote the post ref. no. 50.

Closing date 22nd April 1985.

Equal opportunity open to all

HOUSING SERVICE
Special Needs Co-ordinator
Scale 6-£8,532 to £9,114 p.a. plus £1,017 (L.W. and supplements)

The successful applicant will be part of the Central Management Policy and Co-ordination Unit based at Broad House Avenue, High Road, Merton.

This is a newly-created post which recognises the need to co-ordinate not only services for the elderly such as sheltered housing, but also the special needs of other groups in the Borough.

Candidates should be suitably experienced in housing management and be familiar with the problems arising from provision of housing in a multi-racial community.

A knowledge of the problems facing Broad's Housing Service and an understanding of a Borough where over 50% of the population are black, many West Indian and African (including Urdu, Gujarati, Hindi) and their English-born children is desirable.

Application forms and job descriptions from the Personnel Division, Room 1, Broad House Avenue, High Road, Merton, Surrey, Middlesex HA8 9BA, may be obtained by 2nd May Telephone 01-893 0371 (24-hour answering service). Reference number 1985 must be quoted.

London Borough of BRENT
Brent is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Job shares welcome.

LAMBETH CARING HOUSES TRUST
We require a FIFTH WORKER to take responsibility for the development of creative and social activities within the organisation for which we feel occupational therapy, teaching experience, or social work experience is particularly relevant.

The worker will be part of a mixed non-resident staff team whose work involves developing trusting relationships with the residents, giving support with daily problems, helping in the practical running of the house, preparing residents for employment, and liaising with the professionals (social workers, doctors, day centre workers, employers, etc.).

Starting salary £7,803 to £11,355 inclusive of L.W. (N/C points 19 to 33).

To apply please send full C.V. with letter which should include the reasons for your interest in this post, the skills you have to offer, and the names of two referees to: 184 Stoddwell Road, London SW9 9TF, to arrive by the 19th of April. For informal inquiries, ring 01-274 5736 between 11 am and 3 pm Mondays to Fridays.

SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
HOSPITAL SOCIAL WORK
Opportunities exist for qualified Social Workers (Full Time and Part Time) in both the Psychiatric and General Social Work Teams at Farnborough Hospital.

SOCIAL WORKER (LEVEL 3) PART TIME: P336
SW (L3) £8,771-£11,373 pro rata

Responsible to the Senior Social Worker (Team Leader), but working in a multi-disciplinary team headed by a Consultant Psychiatrist, this postholder will provide support to patients and their families in the Psychiatric Unit, dealing with in-patient referrals and referrals from the day unit and outpatients.

At least 18 months post-qualifying experience is required for this position and candidates able to undertake duties as 'Approved Social Workers' will be preferred.

SOCIAL WORKER (LEVEL 2); P337
SW (L2) £8,661-£10,134

Based in the Psychiatric Unit, duties involve referrals from one of the Hospital's clinical teams and the day unit. The postholder will also carry out work at Orpington Hospital Psychiatric out-patients, including Social assessments on patients who have attempted suicide.

SOCIAL WORKER (LEVEL 2); P339
SW (L2) £8,661-£10,134

This post is based in the Stepping Stones Club, Bromley, which offers group activities to vulnerable people and those recovering from mental illness. This postholder will offer support to volunteers who run the groups and take referrals from the clinic at Farnborough Psychiatric Unit which is linked to the out-patients clinic at Stepping Stones.

SOCIAL WORKER (LEVEL 2) PART TIME P334B
SW (L2) £8,661-£10,134 pro rata

To deal with referrals from one of the clinical teams in the Psychiatric Unit.

SOCIAL WORKER (LEVEL 2) PART TIME P353
SW (L2) £8,661-£10,134 pro rata

In the general Social Work Section at the Hospital, to carry a caseload which is, at present, drawn from medical wards. Experience of work with elderly and physically handicapped clients would be an advantage for this post.

Application forms and further details from Head of Manpower Services, Civic Centre, Rochester Avenue, Bromley BR1 3UH. Tel. 01-290 0324. (24-hour answering service). Closing date: 1st May 1985.

Bromley Health
Bromley Health Authority

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES ADVISER
IN THE BRISTOL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
£14,013 - £15,042

Bristol based, this post has the challenging task of enabling employment opportunities to be realised, and existing ones maintained, within the City and areas of the District Councils who contribute to the promotion of economic development. The concept of the post places a special emphasis upon the needs of small businesses.

The successful applicant must be confident of taking a leading role at top-level meetings within industry, commerce and Government departments. We are also looking for administrative ability that will ensure a first-class standard of service for clients and the talent for maintaining effective working relationships, which are all essential, both for the accomplishment of the set tasks and for effective cover of the office, whilst the Economic Development Officer is overseas.

For further details and an application form, please telephone Bristol (0272) 26031 ext. 247. Or write to the Recruitment & Equal Opportunities Manager, The Council House, College Green, Bristol BS1 6TR, quoting reference: EK 01/VD.

Applications returnable by 26 April 1985.

BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

Executive Officer GRANTS UNIT

A vacancy has arisen for an Executive Officer in the Grants Unit, to be based at the Sports Council Headquarters in Central London. The duties of the post will include the financial summary of forward plans presented by governing bodies of sport for consideration for grant aid and assisting the Grants Officer in the preparation of assessment recommendations. There will also be involvement in the drafting and control of grant offer letters, preparation and control of grant payments, statistical analysis and dealing with queries from governing bodies of sport.

The successful candidate will be required to present cases verbally and in writing and so should possess communication skills and an ability to analytically assess relevant facts in a case together with administrative and organisational ability. Candidates must have at least 5 'O' level and 2 'A' level passes or equivalent with some relevant experience. A knowledge of basic finance and accounting would be an advantage.

Salary is on a scale £7,810 per annum rising to £10,184 per annum including London weighting allowance and compensatory pension allowance.

Application form and further details (quoting reference 14/85/GH) available from Paul Burgin, Personnel Unit, The Sports Council, 16 Upper Woburn Place, London WC1H 8QP.

Closing date for applications: April 26, 1985.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES EMPLOYER

SPORTS COUNCIL

GENERAL

NORTH EAST THAMES REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY
DOES A CAREER IN SUPPLIES INTEREST YOU?

For a really worthwhile career train in NHS SUPPLIES MANAGEMENT in the North East Thames Region

The Supplies Organisation in the North East Thames Region is responsible for the procurement of goods and services worth £175m. The Training Scheme aims to provide participants with a comprehensive programme of training involving skills, knowledge and practical experience designed to equip them for a career in NHS Supplies Management.

Do you believe that you have management potential and possess either:

- a) A University Degree or equivalent qualification
- b) HND or HNC with appropriate experience, or
- c) 5 'A' Levels in appropriate subjects and 5 years NHS experience.

and you are a resident of the North East Thames Region?

If you are interested in this exciting career opportunity, please apply to: The Regional Personnel Office, 40 Southwark Terrace, London SE2 5QR. Telephone 01-262 6089.

Please quote reference number G873.

Closing date April 25.

ENGINEERS & SURVEYORS

University of Durham
ESTATES AND BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT

Appointment of

PROPERTY SURVEYOR

Applications for the above post are invited from graduates or the RICS, recent graduates in the RICS membership may also be considered. Salary on the RICS Administration Grade 1A, £6,000 to £12,150.

Applications should be sent to the above address by 10.10.1985 to:

The Deputy Director for Estates and Buildings, University of Durham, Old Elvet Hall, Durham DH1 1JH.

Telephone: 0325 64446 x 321 from whom further details are available.

SOCIAL WORK

INTEGRATE
(Preston and Chorley) DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Integrate Developing Project, health authority funded, aims to integrate mentally handicapped people of different dependencies from hospital into the community using ordinary housing and local facilities, and is based on principles of 'normalisation'.

The Directorate of three are responsible for the operational management and are committed to developing an open, participative management style within our staff group. This postholder will support the living side of the scheme and liaises in resettlement, and is looking at the development of a workshop/flat with the general context of developing integrated and creative work opportunities.

We are looking for someone committed to clients' rights and our principles in practice, with practical skills, working with groups and individuals, who can use the opportunities of a community context. We welcome applications with contributions to make in pioneering this project being researched by Lancaster University.

Inquiries to Rosemary Truman, Director, Preston 24755. Letters of application and c.v. to: INTEGRATE, 77 Watkinson Road, Preston, PR1 1LD by April 17, 1985.

Integrate is a registered charity and pay and conditions are N.J.C. related.

ARCHITECTS & PLANNERS

Cambridgeshire County Council
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

DIRECTORATE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

PLANNING ASSISTANT
Scale 24 £5,325 - £7,235

The post is located in the Policy Services Division which has responsibility for the development of corporate planning and the preparation of the annual review of the structure plan. Applicants should be qualified architects or planners with local government matters normally. Experience in the use of computers would be an advantage.

The Council has just begun the new and restructured County Structure Plan and the successful candidate will be involved in the analysis of information and the drafting of reports relevant to the plan. Additionally he or she could be involved in development of corporate planning.

The successful candidate will be required to work closely with the Director of Planning and the Director of Management, who offers a wide range of opportunities for career advancement. Planning and Management are available from the Director at Planning and Management, Cambridgeshire County Council, Castle Hill, Cambridge CB3 0ET. Telephone: 0223 610000.

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COMMUNITY WORK

Trafford Borough Council
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTSOCIAL WORKER — Level 1
— Salary £5,355 — £7,285 (Bar) — £7,446 p.a.

A vacancy exists for a qualified Social Worker to work with a team of social workers specialising in care of the elderly and physically handicapped clients. Someone with innovative but practical approaches to supporting dependent elderly and handicapped persons in the community is sought.

For informal discussion contact Mr R. Collier, Area Manager, Telephone 061-872 2101 ext 4761.

Application forms and further information from and returnable to: Director of Social Services, 100 Ross 16, Warrington Road, Warrington, Cheshire, SA4 4JL. Telephone 061-869 6161, ext 2455 quoting ref. E 130. Closing date: April 26, 1985.

HEALTH

West Midlands Regional Health Authority

CORPORATE DATA ADMINISTRATION FOR
THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

The importance of corporate data administration in the Health Service has been emphasised by recent changes in the structure, at national level, of the information technology. There are many people who are required to collect and analyse data in the corporate data administration, as follows:

CONSULTANTS

- (a) — To share responsibilities with two existing consultants for:
 - Promotion of data modelling.
 - Further development of the NHS Common Model.
 - Support systems development projects.

The work requires knowledge and experience of the whole field of business analysis and of the place of data modelling within it. Consultants need to be able to work with a wide range of people with suitable candidates.

Salary: Senior Consultants — Scale 27: £13,541 to £17,268 (Ref. CDA/27).

Note: — Consideration will be given to candidates with less than the required qualifications and experience, who may be offered employment on a lower scale.

TECHNICAL ADMINISTRATOR

- (1) — To manage the maintenance and dissemination of the NHS Common Model, and to provide technical support to consultants. The emphasis of the work is on the development and maintenance of the Common Model, and to provide a career step towards consultancy.

This post will be based at 19 Calverton Road, Birmingham, where clinical and secretarial support will be provided, as well as access to computer facilities.

Salary: Scale 14: £3,827 to £11,949 (Ref. CDA/14).

Application forms and job descriptions available from CDA, 19 West Midlands Regional Health Authority, 1st Floor, Calverton Road, Birmingham B9 5JL. Tel: 01-212 643 5781, ext. 41. Closing date for application form May 1, 1985.

The WMRHA is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

TAKE UP THE CHALLENGE OF PROMOTING HEALTH
WITHIN THE MERSEY REGIONDistrict Health Promotion Officer/
Assistant Regional Health Promotion
Officer

Scale 18, £10,861-£13,183 p.a. (increase pending)

The improvement of the health of the population of Merseyside is accepted as a major priority. This position has been created by the Mersey Regional Health Authority to achieve our objectives in health promotion and education.

The position demands a high degree of initiative and involves the promotion of health awareness in the whole community. The successful candidate will have good organisational skills and communication skills. You should be an energetic and innovative person, with a proven track record in health promotion. A background in health science would be ideal, but more important are the personal qualities required of a demanding and responsible position.

Application form and further particulars can be obtained from Dr P. W. Lane, District Medical Officer, Southport and Formby Health Authority, Southport Hospital, Knowles Road, Southport, Merseyside, PR9 0RH. Tel: Southport 24411.

Applicants who wish to discuss the post can also contact the Regional Health Promotion Officer, Mr Howard Seymour, 051-526 0559. Closing date: April 24, 1985.

HEALTH

NORTH MANCHESTER HEALTH AUTHORITY

New, permanent posts arising from major initiatives in Health Education & Promotion

SENIOR HEALTH EDUCATION
OFFICERS

£8,744-£10,729

We are looking for Health Education Officers, Teachers, Community Workers or Health Workers who can show the necessary skills to work in the following areas:

SCHOOLS (Ref D41)

Requires experience in curriculum planning and development of Health or Social Education.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES (Ref D42)

A knowledge of service organisation, planning and management is required.

LOCAL COMMUNITY (Ref D43)

Requires a knowledge of community development, networking and management of health promotion initiatives.

3 HEALTH PROMOTION OFFICERS

£10,730-£12,431

To develop women's health promotion services — working knowledge of this field is required (Ref D44).

HIGHER CLERICAL OFFICERS (Ref D45)

£4,795-£5,144 (for part-time post)

1. Full time to give administrative and secretarial support to the Health Promotion Officers.

2. Part-time (15 hours) giving administrative and secretarial support to the women's health promotion service (Ref D46).

Our service is unique in that it consists of 3 divisions, Health Education, Health Promotion and special health workers. Informal enquiries are welcome, contact Mr John G. Dwyer, District Health Promotion Officer, Education Office, 1st Floor, 352A, 358B, Job descriptions and application forms available from District Personnel Officer, North Manchester Health Authority, Central House, Crumpton, Manchester M14 6RL. Tel: 061-743 4547 Ext 2591. Closing date April 25, 1985. Please quote appropriate Ref No.

GENERAL

London Borough of Tower Hamlets

Directorate of Development

TREES OFFICER

£2,775-£3,510

This new post would suit an effective communications work relevant qualifications and experience on the choice, planting and care of trees. The successful applicant will be involved in producing National Tree Week, providing advice to the public and preparing supporting literature.

Applicants must hold a current driving licence.

Applicants are considered on the basis of their suitability for the post, regardless of sex, racial origin, marital status, disability, or age.

Application forms from Personnel Services, Town Hall, Spence Square, London EC3, or telephone our recruiting office on 01-881 0877. Please quote reference 57067. Closing date: April 25.

Mid Surrey Health Authority

INFORMATION OFFICER

A & C Scale 9 £2,271-£3,286 p.a. incl.

The post holder will be based in the District Office, at West Park Hospital, Epsom, and will be responsible for the collection, production, monitoring and analysis of management information with special emphasis on planning. He/she will also be expected to advise and assist managers on computer and other non-manual information systems.

Applicants should have a working knowledge of statistics, computer application and management information. The ability to work with various multidisciplinary groups and to work with a demanding workload is essential.

Interested applicants should contact Mike Roff, District Planning Officer, (Tel Epsom 57811, ext. 244).

Application form and job description from District Personnel Department, West Park Hospital, Epsom, Surrey, Tel: Epsom 57811, ext. 340/557.

Closing date for applications April 30, 1985.

ST ANNE'S SHELTER AND HOUSING
ACTION

St Anne's is a voluntary sector social work agency, a registered housing association and a Local Housing Allowance (LHA) Scheme. Community Development, providing a comprehensive range of services for the homeless, is one of our major objectives. Our development work is a period of development and we have the following vacancies:

1 DAY CENTRE — TEAM LEADER

FOI £12,715 to £13,582

The project Team Leader is leaving on June 30 to study for a Master's Degree. The Centre is currently operating on a voluntary basis, which will enable an extension and improvement of services. As Team Leader you will manage a team of 14 staff for the following objectives:

This is a period of change and you will need enthusiasm, initiative and creativity. You must have experience of working with homeless people and a proven record of achievement. A knowledge of housing, social work and management experience are desirable.

2 HOUSING TEAM — 1st SPECIALIST SOCIAL WORKER

FOI £12,715 to £13,582

The current postholder is leaving to take up a management post with another Local Housing Allowance project. Applications are invited from professionally qualified (SW1) and experienced social workers to lead a small team providing accommodation and social work support to people with alcohol problems.

(b) SPECIALIST SOCIAL WORKER

(Alcohol Problems)

SW Composite Grade £7,855 to £10,716 (Starting point dependent on experience)

A new post holder of several vacancies. Applications are invited from qualified (SW1) social workers to be part of a team providing accommodation and social work support for people with alcohol problems.

Conditions of service are broadly in line with those of the Local Authority. Informal enquiries are welcome. Contact: Mr John G. Dwyer, District Health Promotion Officer, Education Office, 1st Floor, 352A, 358B, Job descriptions and application forms available from District Personnel Officer, North Manchester Health Authority, Central House, Crumpton, Manchester M14 6RL. Tel: 061-743 4547 Ext 2591. Closing date April 25, 1985. Please quote appropriate Ref No.

St Anne's is an Equal Opportunity Employer

LONDON DIAL-A-RIDE

DEVELOPMENT WORKER

(£10,725 p.a.)

A new post for an energetic worker in our continuing drive to create a network of door-to-door transport for the Londoners with disabilities. He or she will directly assist local services to co-ordinate and improve their operating systems. Some evening meetings. Experience of voluntary organisations and transport an advantage.

RESEARCHER

Experienced Researcher required to set up dial-a-ride monitoring and evaluation systems. The work will also involve analysing data, conducting surveys and producing reports. Either full-time for six months commencing May (£10,725 p.a.) or part-time £21 hours by arrangement at £5,137 p.a.

For details telephone: Laura Lockhart: Martin Gould on 01-825 2322

Dial-a-Ride is a full-time professional transport service for people with disabilities of all ages funded by G.L.C. Equal opportunities employer. Applications from people with

Closing date April 24, 1985.

REDBRIDGE HEALTH AUTHORITY

SENIOR 1 PHYSIOTHERAPIST/
REMEDIAL GYMNASIUM

£2,775-£3,285 incl. p.a.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A CHALLENGE?

We are looking for an enthusiastic, lively person to develop the physiotherapy service throughout this Health Authority. This is a new post offering the successful applicant the opportunity to develop a new service, working closely with the medical staff.

This work is related to the development of which major developments are planned within rehabilitation and services.

Although this is a newly created post it is anticipated that in the near future a second post will be created.

Relevant post-graduate training will be given.

Applicants should have a working knowledge of statistics, computer application and management information. The ability to work with various multidisciplinary groups and to work with a demanding workload is essential.

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GENERAL

MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

CLINICAL & POPULATION CYTOGENETICS UNIT

PATTERN RECOGNITION & AUTOMATION SECTION

IMAGE ANALYSIS

Applications are invited for a

CAREER NON-CLINICAL SCIENTIFIC

Post with the Medical Research Council. The post is available at this unit in the first instance.

The Unit has developed hardware and software solutions to a range of problems in the analysis of scanned microscope images. It is a multidisciplinary team of scientists and engineers, working on a wide range of problems in the analysis of scanned microscope images. The successful applicant will be a career non-clinical scientific officer, with a degree in a relevant discipline and will have a proven record of achievement in the analysis of scanned microscope images. The successful applicant will be a career non-clinical scientific officer, with a degree in a relevant discipline and will have a proven record of achievement in the analysis of scanned microscope images.

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BLACKFRIARS
ADVICE CENTREADVICE AND CAMPAIGN
EDUCATION WORKER

For a complete range of services in the area of advice and campaign education work, Blackfriars Advice Centre is seeking a qualified person to join its team.

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